

HISTORY
OF THE
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION
OF
CLUB WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC.

1901 - 1975

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This History of the Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls is dedicated to the many great women, who pioneered with reverence and perseverance the ideals of womanhood, who saw a need for a united dedicated group of women to carry the standards in the homes and communities, their aim to promote the welfare and advancement of their race.

Today after 76 years of continuous service to the women and girls of Illinois, we still cherish the ideals and memories of our pioneer women and say thanks to them for their valiant and unselfish services.

Ruby A. Edwards
Historian

FORWARD

In presenting to the Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls, Inc. this history, we must first relate the records of the pioneer women, who gave to us their organized efforts and accomplishments. As we look back in the past, we recall in 1895 Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, President of the New Area Club of Boston, Massachusetts, called a meeting to refute a letter that reflected "upon the character and morals of our women, that was so utterly false." The women were aroused as never before. From this group of women who had been invited by Mrs. Ruffin, delegates came from the East, North, South and West. Thus the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was founded. Mrs. Booker T. Washington was elected President.

At this time there was another national organization, namely The Women's Loyal Union, with Mrs. Cooke as President in Washington, D. C. The women realized that both organizations, being similar, could not work harmoniously as separate units.

In July 1896 the two groups met together in Washington, D. C. and each appointed a committee to bring the two groups together for consolidation. The groups accepted their report and thus the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs came into existence with Mr. Mary Church Terrell of Washington, D. C. as President. Delegates from Illinois were Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett and Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis. Mrs. Harriet Tubman and Josephine S. Yates were also among those present.

In 1897 the Illinois delegates invited the group to hold their 1899 session in Chicago, Illinois. The following clubs were to act as hostesses: Ida B. Wells with Mrs. Ida B. Wells as President, Phyllis Wheatley with Mrs. Elizabeth L. Davis as President, Civic League with Mrs. Connie A. Curl as President, Progressive Circle of King's Daughters, Ideal Women's Club with Mrs. Kate Hall as President, G.O.P. Elephant Club, Mrs. Susie Fields, President and Julia Gaston, Evanston, Illinois with Mrs. Kizzie Bills as President. This group organized under the

the name of the Womens Conference. The above clubs were to be known as the Magic Seven. This meeting was held at Quinn Chapel Church. Before the closing session the Chicago Group saw the need of a state-wide organization. The Womens Conference became a permanent organization choosing the name Illinois Federation of Colored Womens Clubs with Mrs. Mary J. Jackson of Jacksonville, Illinois as President. She called the first meeting to be held at Institutional Church in 1899.

Illinois being one of the first states to join the National Association of Colored Womens Clubs. The first elected officers were: Mrs. Agnes Moody, Vice President, Mrs. Dr. Mary Waring, Secretary, Mrs. Annie Peyton, Mrs. Thersa Macon Mrs. Carrie L. Hamilton, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Davis and Mrs. Joan Snowden.

From the years of 1900 to 1922 clubs from the following cities were members of the organization: Jacksonville, Evanston, Peoria, Springfield, Galesburg, DuQuoin, Moline, Chicago, East St. Louis, Decatur, Lovejoy, Carbondale, CAnton & Mounds. Also associated with us were Clubs of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

During the Presidency of Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton who saw the need of closer relationship between the women, feeling the women needed and should be closer together for personal contact. She recommended the State be divided into Districts - North, Central and Southern. In the session of 1918 this was received by the body.

In 1921, Mrs. A. L. Anderson,President, established the A. L. Anderson Scholarship Loan for Students needing finance for college. This program was made a Gift Scholarship of \$200.00 in 1964, to be called the A. L. Anderson Scholarship Fund. Past Presidents are serving as Chairman.

- 1924 Mrs. Edith T. Stewart - Established the Budget System.
- 1926 Mrs. Anna B. Dorasey - Established the Illinois Ass'n. of Girls Clubs.
- 1933 Mrs. Annette Officer - Promoted the Camps and the Camp Fund
- 1935 Mrs. Carrie S. Horton - Established the State Tea.
- 1939 Mrs. Stella Roberts - Sponsored the State Library Project for the State House in Springfield, Illinois.

- 1942 Mrs. Hannah Woods - Presented the State Bulletins and purchased the first State Banner
- 1949 Miss Gladys Watts - Served for the Golden Jubilee Celebration.
- 1951 Mrs. Etta Jackson was hostess to the Past National Presidents to her State Convention held in Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. Sally Stewart and Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines were State Presidents.
- 1958 Mrs. Ella Mitchell - Presented the Musical Extravaganza and gave drapes to National Headquarters. \$800.00.
- 1964 Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards - Presented National \$1000.00 for remodeling National Headquarters. Served as General Chairman of 1968 National Convention.
- 1968 Mrs. Grace L. Stevens - Presented to the Illinois Room at Chicago Northern District Club House a sofa bed.
- 1966 Mrs. Reba Hill - Presented to National Headquarters two Hideaway sofas.
- 1970 Mrs. Daisy Brooks - Presented Furniture for the Illinois Bedroom at the National Headquarters.

The first officers of the State Association that served 1900-01 were:

Mrs. Mary J. Jackson	Jacksonville	President
Mrs. Cordelia West	Chicago	1st Vice President
Mrs. Katherine Tillman	Chicago	2nd Vice President
Mrs. M. V. Baker	Evanston	3rd Vice President
Mrs. Julia Gibson	Peoria	4th Vice President
Mrs. Julia Duncan	Springfield	5th Vice President
Mrs. Margaret Anderson	Chicago	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Jennie C. McClain	Springfield	Ass't. Secretary
Mrs. Sarah Floyd	Peoria	Treasurer
Mrs. Elizabeth L. David	Chicago	Organizer

1901 - 1902	Ways and Means Committee
1904 - 1905	Executive Board
1907 - 1908	Social Improvement & Editor
1908 - 1909	Correspondence Secretary
1910 - 1911	Statistician
1913 - 1914	Fraternal Secretary
1914 - 1915	Chaplain
1915 - 1916	Parliamentarian
1918 - 1919	Vice Chairman of Executive Board
1920 - 1921	Historian Reactivated State Organizer

The aforementioned are dates that new offices and committees were named.

The following have been introduced into the program of the Illinois Ass'n of Colored Women's Club, now the Illinois Association of Club Women, Board of Directors, Scholarship Board, Mother, Home and Child, Women in Industry, Education and Leadership Training, Legislation, Arts and Crafts, Badges, Young Adults Clubs, Credentials, Courtesy, Drama, Mental Health Hygiene, Pioneer Fund and Girls Clubs.

The 1974-1975 officers are:

Mrs. Dolores White	Chicago	N. D.	President
Mrs. Grace Johns	Chicago	N. D.	1st Vice President
Mrs. Beatrice Vinson	Springfield	C. D.	2nd Vice President
Mrs. Charlotte Brown	Alton	S. D.	3rd Vice President
Mrs. Mamie Davis	E. St. Louis	S. D.	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Jean Lowery	Moline	C. D.	Ass't. Secretary
Miss Frankie Saunders	Chicago	N. D.	Ass't. Secretary
Mrs. Bettye Baldwin	Chicago	N. D.	Correspondence Secretary
Mrs. Gertrude Patterson	Chicago	N. D.	Financial Secretary
Mrs. Elvira Ross	Chicago	N. D.	Treasurer
Rev. Lucretia Smith	Chicago	N. D.	Chaplain
Dr. Ruth A. Fouché	Chicago	N. D.	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Drucilla Lewis	Chicago	N. D.	Chr. Executive Board
Mrs. Ruby A. Carter	Chicago	N. D.	Vice Chr. Ex. Board
Mrs. Lou Fluker	Decatur	C. D.	Secretary Ex. Board

BOARD MEMBERS

Three Years

Mrs. Bernice Reed, C. D.
Mrs. Mary Saverson, S. D.
Mrs. Helen Bowman, N. D.
Mrs. Cleo Bronaugh, N. D.

Two Years

Mrs. Celeste White, N. D.
Mrs. Lucille Hamilton, N. D.
Mrs. Allie Hopkins, C. D.
Mrs. Cornelia Johnson, S. D.

One Year

Mrs. Kathryn Dean, C. D.
Mrs. Rosa Green, N. D.
Mrs. Arnetta Cogswell, N. D.
Mrs. Lucille Wilbank, N. D.

SCHOLARSHIP BOARD

Mrs. Reba Hill, Chairman, S. D.

Three Years

Mrs. Lottie Teer, Deceased, S. D.
Mrs. Hazel Young, C. D.
Mrs. Maude Tansil, N. D.

Two Years

Mrs. Martha Williams, C. D.
Mrs. Susie Bruns, N. D.
Mrs. Maceo Simpson, S. D.

One Year

Mrs. Gonzella Motley, N. D.
Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards, C. D.
Mrs. Sarah Stone, S. D.

National Association of Colored Women's Club Representation

Mrs. Ifma Jones	2nd Vice President	Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards	Treasurer
Mrs. Celeste L. White	2nd Rec Sec'y	Mrs. Grace L. Stevens	Board Emeritus
Mrs. Reba Hill	Board Member	Mrs. Dolores White	State President

Central Regional Association of Club Women

Mrs. Celeste L. White	Vice President at Large
Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Maude Tansil	Statistician
Mrs. Charlotte Brown	Supervisor of Young Adults
Mrs. Mary Rhodes	Supervisor of Girls
Mrs. Daisy Brooks	Auditor

Our Beloved Past Presidents

1. Mrs. Mary Jane Jackson	Jacksonville, Illinois
2. Mrs. Jennie Coleman McClain	Rock Island, Illinois
3. Mrs. Fannie Hall Clift	Chicago, Illinois
4. Mrs. Leonora L. Kennibrew	Jacksonville, Illinois
5. Mrs. Annie Peyton	Chicago, Illinois
6. Mrs. Eva Camel Monore	Springfield, Illinois
7. Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis	Chicago, Illinois
8. Mrs. Ida D. Lewis	Chicago, Illinois
9. Mrs. Thersa Gay Macon	Chicago, Illinois
10. Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton	Springfield, Illinois
11. Mrs. Lillian Jameison	Peoria, Illinois
12. Mrs. Annie Laure Anderson	DuQuion, Illinois
13. Edith T. Stewart	Moline, Illinois
14. Mrs. Irene Gains	Chicago, Illinois
15. Mrs. Anna Dorsey	Lovejoy, Illinois
16. Mrs. Ethel McCracken Cleaves	Chicago, Illinois
17. Mrs. Maude Smith	Chicago, Illinois
18. Mrs. Annette H. Officer (1933)	East St. Louis, Illinois

These are the Pioneer State Presidents who all helped plan and lay the foundation for the present Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls, Inc. All of whom are deceased.

After the 1933 National Association of Colored Womens Club under President Officers. The Illinois Association of Colored Womens and Girls Clubs moved into a new phase of club work, we find Education for our youth being advocated within the Clubs throughout the state.

19. Mrs. Carrie S. Horton	Chicago, Illinois
20. Mrs. Nannie Reed	Chicago, Illinois
21. Mrs. Stella Roberts	Quincy, Illinois
22. Mrs. Hannah Woods	Carbondale, Illinois
23. Mrs. Irene M. Gaines	Chicago, Illinois
24. Mrs. Fannie B. O. Bunion	Chicago, Illinois
25. Miss Gladys Watts	Quincy, Illinois
26. Mrs. Etta W. Jackson	Carbondale, Illinois

27. Mrs. Fannie M. Carter	Chicago, Illinois
28. Mrs. Ada L. Walton	Madison, Illinois
29. Mrs. Ella Mitchell	Chicago, Illinois
30. Mrs. Alice M. Foy	Moline, Illinois
31. Mrs. Ethel A. Lewis	Alton, Illinois
32. Mrs. Minnie A. Lee	Chicago, Illinois
33. Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards	Bloomington, Illinois
34. Mrs. Reba Hill	East St. Louis, Illinois
35. Mrs. Grace L. Stevens	Chicago, Illinois
36. Mrs. Daisy Brooks	Monmouth, Illinois
37. Mrs. Daisy Fuir	Alton, Illinois

Illinois had many outstanding women in all walks of life. We gave to National Association as President Dr. Mary Waring, Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines.

National officers from Illinois were:

Mrs. Fanny Carter	Mrs. Ruth J. Steele	Mrs. Margaret Wyche
Mrs. Etta W. Jackson	Mrs. Minnie Roach	Mrs. Lela B. Cannon
Mrs. Nannie Reed	Mrs. Luaco Gladden	Mrs. Maude Smith
	Mrs. Carrie Wakefield Fields	Mrs. Fannie Wells

Over a period of years, we find Illinois holding many major elected offices and Chairpersons of Committees. To name a few, with apologies to many others, we find in 1966 Mrs. Ethel A. Lewis, Mrs. Daisy Sykes, Mrs. Ella Mitchell and Mrs. Sadie M. Smith. In 1968 Mrs. LaUrsa Hedricks, Mrs. Celeste L. White, Mrs. Reba Hill, Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards and Mrs. Grace L. Stevens. On committees Mrs. Helen Bowman, Mrs. La Vada Hunter, Mrs. Ora Higgins, Mrs. Martha Williams, Mrs. Agnes Thornton, Mrs. Edis Tinsley, Mrs. Myrtle McKenzie, Mrs. Maude Tansil, Miss Irma Jones, Mrs. Dolores White, Mrs. Grace Johns, Rev. Bernice Herford, Mrs. Mary Murrell, Mrs. Lillian Griggs Johnson, Mrs. Lovelyn Evans, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson Williams, Mrs. Elvira Ross, Mrs. Betty W. Baldwin. May of the above have been elected or have been on committees through the 1974 Biennial Session.

N O R T H E R N D I S T R I C T

CHICAGO NORTHERN DISTRICT HISTORY

The Northern part of the state was incorporated under the name of the Chicago Northern District Association of Colored Women March 2, 1921. The first officers, whose names appear on the charter are: Mrs. Irene Goin, President, Mrs. Sayde Adams, First Vice President, Mrs. Frances Norton, Second Vice President, Mrs. Nannie Reed, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Estelle Howse, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Clara Williams, Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Martha Walton, Treasurer, Elizabeth Crawley, Chairperson of Executive Board, Carrie Horton, Vice Chairperson, Eugene Burns, Secretary of Executive Board, Mrs. Myra Hunter Reeves, Organizer, and Mrs. Eugenia Taylor, Editor.

The officers are elected for one year except the Treasurer and Parliamentarian; The Board of Directors is composed of 18 officers, twelve of whom are elected; Twelve department chairpersons, that are appointed by the president, plus the Honorary Presidents, constitute the governing body.

Among their major projects were acquiring a home for dependent children and a club house to serve as a base of operation for the growing number of women and clubs. A Federated Home for Dependent Children was established in 1927 under the Maude E. Smith administration. The home was incorporated on June 24, 1928 in a rented house at 5650 S. Indiana. The home had 23 rooms and cared for 235 children. In 1934 a permanent home for dependent children was purchased at 5627 S. Michigan Ave.

A Federated Club House was the dream of Mrs. Irene Goins, the First CNDA president. She appointed Mrs. Elizabeth Crawley chairwoman of the First Club House Committee to raise funds toward the purchase of a club house. The committee raised \$3000.00, with Mrs. Goins donating the first \$25.00. Unfortunately, the money was lost in the great Stock Market Crash of 1929. The women weathered the storm. The presidents who followed called upon the members to concentrate their efforts to raise funds for the club house.

On April 27, 1933 the "possibility became a reality" and the building was purchased at 4941 S. Parkway (now Dr. Martin L. King Dr.), under the administration of Mrs. Belle Fountain. Mrs. Fountain worked ardently to reduce the deficit on the home and Mrs. Tartie Horton and Mrs. Helen O. Brascher also gave their best efforts toward this endeavor.

As time passed, the Association outgrew the King Dr. Club House and in 1949 a new club house was purchased, 4441 S. Drexel Blvd. under the Margaret Hayes administration. Mrs. Hayes passed away two days after the purchase and Mrs. Alva Delaney led the organization into the new Headquarters.

The present Club House, located at 6736 S. Jeffery Blvd, was acquired under the administration of Mrs. Marie Edwards. The mortgage was paid off in 1969 under the administration of Mrs. Grace Johns.

Following are names of the Past Presidents of the C.N.D.A.:

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| 1. Mrs. Cornelia West | 19. Mrs. Nannie Mae Williams |
| 2. Mrs. Anna Peyton | 20. Mrs. Fannie Baxter O'Bannon |
| 3. Mrs. Irene Camp | 21. Mrs. Fannie M. Carter |
| 4. Mrs. Fannie Turner | 22. Mrs. Ella H. Mitchell |
| 5. Mrs. Theresa Macon | 23. Mrs. Margaret Hayes |
| 6. Mrs. Clara Johnson | 24. Mrs. Alva Delaney |
| 7. Mrs. Jessie Johnson | 25. Mrs. Mayme Williams |
| 8. Mrs. Martha Walton | 26. Mrs. Grace D. Wells |
| 9. Mrs. Irene Goins | 27. Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens |
| 10. Mrs. Sadie Adams | 28. Mrs. Delores White |
| 11. Mrs. Carrie S. Horton | 29. Mrs. Celeste White |
| 12. Mrs. Nannie Reed | 30. Mrs. Agnes Thornton |
| 13. Mrs. Maude E. Smith | 31. Mrs. Myrtle McKenzie |
| 14. Mrs. Jeanette Smith | 32. Mrs. Daisey Grisham |
| 15. Mrs. Belle Fountain | 33. Mrs. Marie G. Edwards |
| 16. Mrs. Tartie Horton | 34. Mrs. Grace Johns |
| 17. Mrs. Helen O. Branscher | 35. Mrs. Maude A. Tancil |
| 18. Dr. Irene McCoy Gaines | 36. Mrs. Alma Hodge (now in office) |

HONORARY PRESIDENTS OF C.N.D.A.

1. Mrs. Cordelia West, 1906-1908. An ardent church worker who was active in both State and National affairs. The forming of the Illinois Association was the result of her dreams.
2. Mrs. Anna Payton, 1908. A woman of sterling qualities, active in Church, Fraternal, Social and Civic Organizations was elected Sec'y. of the National Association at Brookland, N.Y., in 1908, and President of the Illinois Association in 1909. She passed away before she was installed in either office.

3. Mrs. Irene Camp, 1909. The First Vice President under Mrs. Payton also passed away before she was installed.
4. Mrs. Fannie Turner, 1910-1911. Being Second Vice President, under Mrs. Payton, she served out the unexpired term of her predecessors. She was elected President for the balance of 1910-1911. Before going out of office, she raised the number of clubs to 33.
5. Mrs. Theresa Macon, 1911-1913. Faithful Church, Club, Civic and Fraternal worker. Served as State organizer and as ninth President of the State Federation. She was Recording Sec'y. of the National Association and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley Association in Chicago. She died in 1930.
6. Mrs. Clara Johnson, 1913-1915.
7. Mrs. Jessie Johnson, 1915-1917.
8. Mrs. Martha Walton, 1917-1919. Raised money to rebuild the Amanda Smith Home in Harvey, Ill., and greatly increased the funds of the C.N.D.A.
9. Mrs. Irene Goins, 1919-1921. The C.N.D.A. was incorporated under her administration. She instituted the idea of a Club House for the C.N.D.A. and appointed the first club house fund raising committee.
10. Mrs. Sadie Adams, 1921-1923. A Church and Club woman that served as parliamentarian and Vice President of C.N.D.A. before being elected President.
11. Mrs. Carrie S. Horton, 1923-1925. Received a Pioneer Service Award, Certificate of Merit, and life membership in the National Association of Club Women. She had the honor of being chosen chairperson of the Family Relief, the Hallie Q. Brown Scholarship Fund, the 25th Anniversary in 1931 and the Golden Anniversary in 1956.
12. Mrs. Nannie Reed, 1925-1927. She correlated the departmental work by coordinating the desires to add financially to the Club House Fund. This was her main objective. She introduced the Biennial Reports for all Presidents of the C.N.D.A.
13. Mrs. Maude E. Smith, 1927-1929. Called the attention of the organization to the needy and neglected children of our group. In 1928, her dream was realized when a home for dependent children was rented in Morgan Park, later moving to Chicago. In 1934, a building was purchased for the Home. The Maude E. Smith Nursery School was named in her honor.
14. Mrs. Jeanette Smith, 1929-1931. Served through the depression years. Under her administration the C.N.D.A. gave relief to men and women suffering during the acute unemployment period of 1930-1931. She inaugurated the Club Institute in the program of the C.N.D.A. She was an expert in parliamentary law, and was firm in enforcing it.
15. Mrs. Bell Fountain was one of the most energetic and untiring workers for C.N.D.A. The club house at 4941 S. Parkway (now Dr. Martin Luther King Dr.) was purchased under her administration. After she served her term of office she continued to work toward lifting the debt of the club house. 1931-1933.

16. Mrs. Cartie Horton, 1933-1935. The childrens' home was purchased under her administration.
17. Mrs. Helen O. Brascher, 1935-1937. She conducted the program of the C.N.D.A. in a dignified and quiet manner.
18. Mrs. Irene M. Gaines, 1937-1939. Reorganized the C.N.D.A. program and instituted many innovations such as "Consultants" to advise and serve as a ready reference for chairpersons that are not trained in the field that they might be assigned, or give their services "Room Registry for Convalescent Care" "Settlements and Community Centers", "Flying Squadron", "Recreation", "Court Service", "Board of Counsellors", "Forum", "President's Council", and the "Agenda" for the District meetings. Tax exemption on the Club House property, establishing of the President's office in the club house. Fostered the naming of the Ida B. Wells Homes.
19. Mrs. Nannie Mae Williams, 1939-1941. Was the youngest president to be elected in the C.N.D.A. She served as Sec'y.-Treasurer of the club house at 4941 South Parkway. It was during her administration that the rigid state laws to operate a children's home were forced upon the association. It was through her business intuitions that she recommended a temporary closing of the home and opened a residence center for girls. Thus, keeping the doors open and the revenue from the center saved the association from loss of the building.
20. Mrs. Fannie B. Obanion, 1941-1943. Mrs. Baxter Obanion founded the Gaudeamus and EnVerte Clubs. Was the C.N.D.A. representative in World War II as co-commander of the South Central Dist., member of the advisory committee for the sale of war bonds and stamps, personally sold \$3,500.00 worth. Recommended and set up the C.N.D.A. Letter Service.
21. Mrs. Fannie Carter, 1943-1945. Actively engaged in church, civic, and club work. Raised money for the C.N.D.A. Home for Dependent Children and the club house at 4941 S. Parkway. She taught classes in English and helped to raise \$14,000.00 for War Bonds. Burned mortgage on Women's Federal Center. Founder of Progressive Art Club. Member of Administrative Board of the NACW.
22. Mrs. Ella H. Mitchell, 1945-1947. Burned mortgage on Club House at 4941 S. Parkway. State President. Added Scholarship and Student Aid Department, and Mother, Home and Child Department, and Mother, Home and Child Department to C.N.D.A.
23. Mrs. Margaret Hayes, 1947-1949. Headed drive for new club house at 4441 S. Drexel. Organized club in honor of her mother. Signed papers for purchase of new club house just ten days before she passed away.
24. Mrs. Alva Delaney, 1949-1951. Acting President during illness of Mrs. Hayes and burned mortgage on Drexel Blvd. Headquarters. Vice-President of the Nursery School Board.
25. Mrs. Mayme Williams, 1951-1953. President of Myra Hunter Reeves Club in 1936. Held the following District Offices: Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President. Instituted "Hidden Talent Day" and Camp Fund for underprivileged children.

26. Mrs. Grace D. Walls, 1953-1955. Founded Dorcas Art and Charity Club. Holds sole distinction of being twice elected District President. Refurbished Drexel Blvd. Headquarters. Added Young Adults' Health and Hygiene Department and Poise and Charm Committee to C.N.D.A. Also added five clubs to C.N.D.A.
27. Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens, 1955-1957. Golden Jubilee President. Organized 14 clubs, one named in her honor. Obtained first rental of Dunbar High School for C.N.D.A. Tea. Added Sunshine-Block Beautiful and Migrant Aid Committees.
28. Mrs. Dolores White, 1957-1959. Elected to the office at a time when all seemed well. The Nursery School was housed rent-free. The subway was restructured to meet the city's requirement to the dismay of C.N.D.A. More and more demands were made that were physically impossible to meet. Sadly and regrettably the Nursery School closed. Fire escapes were installed during her administration.

At this time Mrs. White is serving as the thirty-ninth President of the Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls. It was her desire that the state should have a history that was updated. None had been written in recent years. She feels that a State Organizer is needed to inspire more women to become members of the association. Since Mental Health is one of our most outstanding health problems, she proposed that it become a major department. These two innovations were accepted by the organization.

29. Mrs. Celeste White, 1959-1961. Entertained Senior Citizens at Club House Luncheon and chartered bus to take them to McCormick Place for tour and theater. With the Residence Committee she secures three retired school teachers to hold classes for new residents.
30. Mrs. Agnes Thornton, 1961-1963. A most successful "Salute to the Honorary Presidents" held in Lake Meadows Club House. Radio appearance with discussion of the past, present and future of C.N.D.A.
31. Mrs. Myrtle McKinzie, 1963-1965. Inaugurated C.N.D.A. Cotillion which has been an overwhelming success each year. Introduce use of stamp meter machine for efficient mailing. Active in State, Region, and National Ass'ns.
32. Mrs. Daisey Grisham, 1965-1967. Through the Board of Education, she secures instructors from the Cook County Schools, Peters Business College, and Airline Hostesses to give instruction on preparation for better employment. 100 chairs were purchased to replace old ones and are in use today.
33. Mrs. Marie G. Edwards, 1967-1969. Elected to office at a perilous time for the C.N.D.A.; the School Board claimed the 44th block of Drexel. A new Club House had to be purchased. Since we could not build, the Building Fund was changed to a Mortgage Fund and Mrs. Edwards pledged \$100.00. With the help of many individuals and clubs, the present Headquarters was purchased. The gigantic task of moving was accomplished through blood, sweat and tears.
34. Mrs. Grace Johns, 1969-1971. An ardent church, civic and club worker. With the cooperation of the club women, she payed off the indebtedness

of the club house during the first year of her administration. A mortgage burning ceremony was held. The Young Adult department was incorporated in the C.N.D.A. during her administration.

35. Mrs. Maude A. Tancil, 1971-1973. See Biographical Sketch.
36. Mrs. Alme Hodge, 1973-1975. Present President of C.N.D.A. She is doing a wonderful job while conducting the programs of the association in a quiet dignified manner.

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IDA B. WELLS - THE "MOTHER OF CLUBS"

In 1893 while Ida B. Wells was traveling and lecturing in England, Scotland and Wales against lynching in this country, she noted with interest the civic activities of the women. She was inspired to do something among our own women. When she returned to this country, she conferred with Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, dynamic leader of Boston, Massachusetts, and the very first civic clubs was organized. It was The New Era Club. Also there were two others organized in the East before Ida B. Wells came to Chicago to protest the failure to include any mention of the tremendous contributions of the Negroes in the World's Columbian Exposition.

In Chicago, she gathered a group of interested women and organized the Ida B. Wells Club, which for many years was the oldest club in the country. In addition she had many incidents of discrimination against Negroes in club work of white women and white clubs. Some of the white women did not approve of the segregationist policies and invited the Ida B. Wells Clubs to be one of the charter members of the League of Cook County Clubs. Ida B. Wells attended and was elected as a member of the first Board of Directors.

Ida B. Wells was president of the club named for her for a number of years after she returned from her Crusade in England and throughout the United States, and after many years - again in the 1920's. The Club made significant contributions to the civic life of Chicago, establishing the first kindergarten for Negro children before kindergartens became a part of the public school system,

combating the police brutality, urging court reform, protesting the "third degree" used on black youth and black men, in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, in fact celebrating the Emancipation Day every January with special programs.

Ida B. Wells was a firm believer in clubs, and urged clubs to take active parts in the civic life of the city, state and nation.

1904

VOLUNTEER WORKERS' CLUB

1974

The Volunteer Workers for the "Home of Aged and Infirm Colored People" was organized December 4, 1904, when Mrs. George Hawkins gathered a few ladies at her home and explained her idea.

The object of the Club was to work for the "Home" exclusively, which they did from the time of its inception until January of 1911, accomplishing results that stand as a monument to their endeavor.

The original site of the "Home" was on West Garfield Blvd. The next location of "Home for Aged Colored People" was 4430-4432 Vincennes Ave.

After 1911, it was decided to spread Goodwill over a broader area and work for general Charities. Hence, the name "Volunteer Workers' Charity & Civic Club" under the Administration of Mrs. Ossie B. Wiley.

We are proud to have had one of our past Presidents, Mrs. Cordelia West conceive the idea and call together the originators of the Chicago City Federation, better known among todays' Federated Women as Chicago & Northern District of Colored Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Ethel M. Cleaves served as President, as did Mrs. West of Ill. Assoc. of Colored Women.

Mrs. Willie Mae Johnson worked diligently for the welfare of our Girls' Club. Our members have been presented Awards, Gold Pins, etc. for their Services in and about the City for Commendable Community and Civic Work. Thus, we have demonstrated our Motto "Not for Ourselves but for Others".

Past Presidents: Mrs. Sarah Laugh, First; Emma Chandler; Alyce Caldwell; Cordelia West; Clara Johnson; Martha Walton; Lucy Webster; Emma Marshbanks; (two terms), Sula Mae Williams; Nina Tivis; Minnie Wiggins; Eva T. Wells; Ethel M. Cleaves; Ella S. Powell; Arminta Wilson; Ossie B. Wiley: (three terms) Annie B. Oliver; Carrie B. Meeks; Beatrice L. Murray; Canaria Dickerson; Mary Merrill; Irma Harris; (two terms), Aletha Dean; Willie Mae Johnson; Minnie Rogers; Willa Thompson; Mattie Deed, three terms; Luventa Kirk.

Geraldine Richards, Historian
Mattie Deed, President

NEW METHOD INDUSTRIAL CIVIC CLUB

ORGANIZED APRIL 1907

Motto "Lifting as we climb"

Mrs. Emma DeCourlander founder and first President. The club was named the Embroider Social Club. Later the name was changed to the New Method Industrial Civic Club. Our club has progressed and in 1912 joined the Chicago and Northern District, later The Illinois Association of Club Women. Our objective has been for self improvement and Child Welfare. Donated to the Wendell Phillips day nursery as long as it existed. Have been a constant contributor to the Old Folks Home. Xmas baskets are given to needy families at Xmas time. Under Mrs. Lillian Browder, boys and girls were sent to camps for the summer. Under the leadership of Mrs. Marcellous a Young Adult Club was organized. Under Mrs. Daisy Grisham, the club went forward to raise funds to complete their plans. A program to give a scholarship came to fruition under Mrs. Mattie Pitts when we sent a young man, Mr. Chester Lemar, to Northwestern University. We contribute to the N.A.C.C.P., Negro College Fund, and Chicago Boys' Club.

AMERICAN ROSE ART CLUB HISTORY

The American Rose Art Club is a unit of Illinois Association and National Association of Club Women, Inc., organized in 1909 by Mrs. Ellen Kenny, an earnest woman, wanting to render Civic and Social Service to the Community. The

club has grown to a membership of 55 women with a number of associate members. In the early history of the Club the late Robert S. Abbott, Editor and Publisher of the Chicago Defender, referred to us in the case of a worthy blind man, who had become stranded in this country and wanted to return to his home in England. The Club gave the money to send him home to England, after which the club began an active interest in helping the blind. We have continued the help until today. We maintain contributing membership in the Society for the Prevention of the Blind.

At one time the Club maintained a reading room for the blind. Art trophies have been given to the club for its outstanding leadership and contributions. Our funds are contributed to the N.A.A.C.P., the YMCA, YWCA, Urban League, Provident Hospital, Dents' Home for the Aged and other Council of Negro organizations.

The following women have given the leadership as president of the club: Mmes. Ellen Kenny, founder, Mary Wright, Annie Anderson, Mildred Williams, Carrie Johnson Lee, Fannie Bowers, Lula Claybrook, Irene McCoy Gaines, Lillian J. Rhodes, Lottie D. B. Smith, M. Elizabeth Brantley, Mabel E. Gray, Estella Howse, Odessa Shireley, Lelia B. Cannon, Anna T. Evans, Mabel Blakemore, Osya B. Robinson, Etta Mae Carter, Angelina Robertson, Camille B. Clark, Bessie Alexander, Chicago, Emma L. Winston Hanley.

"AMERICAN ROSE ART CLUB SONG"

A--American Rose Art Club
M--Meeting together, we have found
E--Entices us to forge ahead
R--Reject all issues that are dead
I--Instilling into womanhood
C--Constructive things for general good
A--And each report that we receive
N--Names some woman's helpful deed.

R--Remember the club woman's prayer
O--Oh! let it be heard everywhere
S--Some woman's life to inspire
E--Embracing hope and new desire.

A--As we fight for places in the sun
R--Remember past victories won
T--'Twill help in the work we do.

C--Climbing, lifting as we climb
L--Love is our theme, all the time
U--Under our standard unfurled
B--Be ready to serve the world, American
Rose Art Charity Club

Frances F. Gaines, R.M.
President 1974-1976

MYRA HUNTER REEVES CULTURE CLUB

On February 15, 1911, Mrs. Myra Hunter Reeves Called a group of women to her home at 4711 Evans Ave. for the purpose of organizing a club. They named themselves the YOUNG MATRONS CULTURE CLUB. The objects of the club were Culture, Health and hygiene, Civic and social. Motto: For our home, our race, and our club, Club Colors---blue and gold, Club Flower--- Chrysanthemum.

The Charter Members were:

Ann Johnson	Maude Edmonson
Artie Tancil	Sadie Stevens
Ollie Blair	Myra Hunter Reeves

When the Chicago Northern District Association of Club women received its charter in 1921, Myra Hunter Reeves name was on the charter. Members of the club have been active in the district every since, supporting and being involved in all of its program.

In 1941, the name of the club was changed to Myra Hunter Reeves Culture Club in memory of its organizer.

The club has had the honor of having two district presidents. The late Mrs. Mayme Williams and the late Maude E. Smith, and two state presidents: the late Mrs. Ethel M. Cleaves and the late Maude E. Smith. The late Mrs. Mayme Williams was state vice-president before she moved to California.

While president of the Chicago Northern District, Mrs. Maude E. Smith started the home for dependent children. They had no permanent home until the district purchased a federated home at 5627 S. Michigan Ave. This proved to be the forerunner of the C.N.D.A. Club House.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Sarah Foster
Ethel M. Cleaves

Florance E. Laws
Suzie W. Long

Maude E. Smith
Beatrice Benson

Estella Miller, Myra Hunter Reeves, Lula Johnson, Emma Andrews, Mattie Anderson, Mattie Paris, Daisy Pollard, Mary Wimby, Zenobia Hinds, Mayme Williams, Eunace Henry, Rhoda Mugrich, Maude Taylor, Minnie Hurd, Lubertha Bowman, Hilda Tucker, Melvin Moton, Ethel Allison, Gladys Brown, Louise Drew, Loretta Lightfoot,

Opal H. Johnson, Beatrice Howell, Opal H. Johnson, Pres.

OFFICERS

Vice Pres. Thelma Paul, Gertie Lee Farrell, Sec'y., Gwenith Banks, Corresponding Sec'y., Raber Tolbert, Treas., Rochell Johnson, Chaplin, Roxy Price, and twenty-three active members.

GAUDEAMUS WOMAN'S CLUB HISTORY

Motto: "To be Rather Than Seem"

GAUDEAMUS WOMAN'S CLUB was organized on August 21, 1911, by Mrs. Fannie Baxter Obanion in her home. Those present were Mesdames Fannie B. Obanion, Eliza August Lassiter, Rose Nolly, Adelaide Brown, Sadie L. Adams, Clara Johnson, and Louise Halfacre. Also present to assist in the organization were, The State Organizer, Mrs. Ida Lewis and The State President, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Davis. The founder, Mrs. Fannie B. Obanion at this time is still active in the club.

Mrs. Adelaide Brown, still surviving, but not a member now, gave the club its name—"GAUDEAMUS", which translated from the French means - "Let Us Rejoice", and its motto, "To Be, Rather Than Seem".

The first President was Mrs. Lassiter, who served twice, first from 1911 to 1913 and again from 1918 to 1920.

When organized, the club specifically worked for Charity, assisting the needy through such agencies as--The Child Welfare Department of The Women's National Council of Defense (during World War I), The Illinois Childrens Home and Aid Society, The Urban League, The Amanda Smith Home for Girls, The Home for the Aged (now, Jane Dent Home), Phyllis Wheatley Association, Y.M. & Y.W.C.A., Boy and Girl Scouts, Tagging in the interest of General Charities, assisting finance and workers for the U.S.O. during World War II, Speedway Hospital (World War I era), and Day Nurseries.

During World War I, the club adopted Company C 8th Infantry Illinois (later 370th). It was a tremendous undertaking, but the club gave cheer to the soldiers with a reception for them, a party for the staff and gifts and foods at

Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mrs. Sadie L. Adams was the Gold Star Mother of the club.

Under the administration of the late Mrs. Alva Delaney, the club was changed to a Departmental Club with the following Departments: Civics & Legislation; Education; Mother, Home and Child; Music; Drama and Social Service.

Gaudeamus Woman's Club came into being with ten members, but the membership at one time numbered ninety-six. The object of the club is - Education, Charity and Child Welfare.

The Club has given numerous Scholarships and Student Aid to students at the Art Institute, The Chicago Conservatory of Music, The University of Illinois, Roosevelt University, George Williams College and various High Schools. In 1963, a permanent "Gaudeamus Woman's Club Achievement Scholarship" was instituted at Wendell Phillips and Du Sable High Schools. To date, eight honor students have received this Scholarship. Since it's beginning, Gaudeamus has contributed to the Scholarship Funds of The Chicago and Northern District and The Illinois Association of Club Women.

Gaudeamus Woman's Club has given numerous officers to The Northern District and The Illinois Association. Presidents to The Northern District were Mrs. Fannie Baxter Obanion and the late Mesdames Sadie L. Adams, Jeanette Smith and Alva Delaney. Illinois Association Presidents were Mrs. Fannie B. Obanion, (also Past President of The Central Regional Association and an active member of The National Association of Colored Women), and the late Mrs. Sadie L. Adams.

Through the years, the club has contributed to --The Y.M. & Y.W.C.A.; Boy & Girls Scouts; Urban League; Blind Service Association; Community, Heart and Cancer Funds; Provident Hospital; Defender Charities; Red Cross; Jane Dent Home; has purchased one Life Membership in The N.A.A.C.P. and working toward the purchase of a second one.

Our Men's Auxiliary, The Acorn Men's Club, organized in 1945 under the administration of Mrs. Alice Coachman is still in existence and active.

Since it's organization, the club has had twenty-seven Presidents and Mrs. Mary T. Murff is now serving as the twenty-eighth. Ten Past Presidents are still active. Also, our Founder, Mrs. Fannie B. Obanion, The Honorary President, despite fifty-five years of service.

"THE HISTORY OF THE CLARA JESSAMINE CIVIC AND CHARITY CLUB"

Organized, November 1912

Motto: "Loyal And True"

The Clara Jessamine Civic and Charity Club was founded in 1912 by Mrs. Minnie Collins and Mrs. Jessie Johnson (both deceased), as an advisory aid to the Board of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley Home. After several months of existence, it was decided that financial assistance was needed more than advice.

In February of 1913, the club was reorganized and immediately began with this new object in mind, to raise funds for the home.

The success with which their efforts have been attended is evidenced by the fact that they were able to pay \$1,225.00 to the mortgage on the home and contribute \$226.00 to the cost of electrical fixtures and wiring. It in fact had sufficient means to give \$136.00 to the Urban League, toward the feeding and clothing of the unemployed and poor. They made gifts of flowers, fruit and money to cheer the sick.

The name "Clara Jessamine" is a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Clara Studymire, the first President and Mrs. Jessie Johnson, one of the founders of the club.

The past presidents of the club are as follows: Clara Studymire, Belle Fountaine, Margaret M. Hayes, Francis Bowers, Anita Patti Brown, Sarah Hardsway, Henriette Cook, Willa B. Saxton, Beatrice Webb, Cora Sales, Rose Cummings, Mary Merrill, Alice Jackson, Mamie A. Coleman, Georgia Cowan, Carrie Danner Collier, Flore Lee, Helen Bowman and Mary Haynes.

The Club had just about gone down, Mrs. Flora Lee came in invested her money into the Club and brought in new members and revised the club. During the Presidency of Mrs. Helen Bowman they entertained the National President, Mrs.

Mamie B. Reese at the South Shore Country Club. Under the Presidency of Mrs. Mary Hayens, the Club on November 14, 1970, entertained the National President, Mrs. Myrtle Ollison at the Colonial House. She also organized a girls' club in memory of her Aunt, Mrs. Carrie Danner Collier, who had devoted her life in helping others.

In keeping aware of our noble founders idea of helping others, we have included in our budget the N.A.A.C.P., Urban League, Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., Chicago Defender Charities, Camp Find, State Scholarship Fund, Jane Dent Home for the Aged, Marillac House, and DuSable Musuem of African Art.

The Clare Jessamine Club agreed to buy a life membership in the N.A.A.C.P. and paid \$1000.00 on it. They also paid \$100.00 on the Club House at 6736 S. Jeffery Blvd. and four of our members paid \$100.00 each on the mortgage. Namely: Mrs. Flora Lee, Mrs. Carrie Danner, Collier, Mrs. Mary Hayner and Mrs. Helen Bowman. Making a total of \$500.00 toward the mortgage fund, under the Presidency of Mrs. Marie G. Edward.

Under the present administration (Mrs. Mary Tate, President) we celebrated our 50th Anniversary at the Palmer House on April 21st, 1973, in Chicago. With Dr. Rosa L. Gragg from Detroit, Michigan, (Past President of the National Association of Club Women and Girls), as our guest speaker. It was a very outstanding affair with outstanding women from several states attending.

We also paid out our life membership with the N.A.A.C.P. under this administration. Our President is also a Life Membership Subscriber.

It has been an honor for me to accept the Presidency of the club and help carry out the aim and wonderful service of those illustrious women that preceded me.

I shall hold on to the motto of this great organization. "Lifting as we Climb".

KINDLY SUBMITTED BY,
Mary Tate, President
Bertie Utley, Recording Secretary
Flora Lee, President Emeritus

DORCAS ART AND CHARITY CLUB HISTORY

Motto: We can because we think we can

The Dorcas Art and Charity Club was organized Feb. 22, 1927, Mrs. Grace D. Well, Founder.

The Motto: "We Can Because We Think We Can."

Flower: White Carnation.

Colors: Blue and White.

Nine ladies answered this call. After some discussion the name Dorcas Needle and Art Social Club was chosen: Mrs. Anna Taliferro was elected the first president:

The Dorcas was taken from the Bible (Acts 9 - 36) who was full of good works and alms, deeds and went about doing good for others.

The following persons have served as president of the club, Mrs. Grace D. Wells, Mrs. Hattie Webb, Mrs. Louvenia Marshall, Mrs. Anna Haithmon Coles, Mrs. Della Johnson, Mrs. Marie L. Sims, Mrs. Illa F. Summers, Mrs. Laula Johnson, Mrs. Fannie J. Montero, Mrs. Lenoms Coleman, Mrs. Estelle O. Wright, Mrs. Thelma Marshall, Mrs. Sadie Smith Beverly, Mrs. Lottie K. Henry, Mrs. Elvira Ross, Rev. Bernice Herford, Mrs. Mittie Sippial, who is serving at the present time.

During the first years the club did much charitable work with individuals and families who were in need, but as legislation was passed and the government became more involved in welfare programs, the scope of this type of work was curtailed, hence the club began to look to other fields.

It was unanimously agreed to give support to organized civic programs: among those receiving donations are: The N.A.A.C.P., The Defender Charities, The Urban League, Y.W.C.A., The Provident Hospital, Student Aid and the Community Fund Drive, and of course C.N.D.A. I.C.A.W. National. On December 10, 1929 through the efforts of Mrs. Dixie Brooks Gilmer, Dorcas Needle and Art Social Club became a member of the Chicago Association of Colored Women's Clubs and the State and National on April 30, 1935, the club's name was changed to Dorcas Art

and Charity Club. Dorcas Art and Charity Club made many contributions to the home for Dependent Children at that time located in Morgan Park, Mrs. Maude Smith was supervisor, also continuing after it was moved to 5627 S. Michigan Ave.

The club was one of the first clubs to make a donation on club house at 4941 S. Southpark Way. Also on the purchase at 4441 South Drexel and the present club house at 6736 South Jeffery Boulevard.

One thousand dollars was given to Provident Hospital in 1948. Scholarships have been given to students at the University of Illinois and the Illinois Institute of Technology. The club has purchased three Life memberships to N.A.A.C. made a donation to Sickle Cell Anemia Fund in 1973, and the Provident Hospital in 1974.

On Feb. 22, 1975, Dorcas Art and Charity will celebrate its forty eighth year serving Chicago, Ill. and other cities that have suffered casualties.

Mrs. Grace D. Wells, Founder, has served as President of C.N.D.A. and as Vice-President of I.A.C.W., many other members have served the organization in a lesser capacity. The following names are those who have labored with us and are placed here in memorium: Mrs. Gladys Curry, Mrs. Beatrice Whetsone, Mrs. Josie Sche, Mrs. Anna B. Forrest, Mrs. Anna H. Coles, Mrs. Elnora Williams, Mrs. Janie Dennison, Mrs. Illa F. Summers, Mrs. Zola Arnold, Mrs. Arche Williams, Mrs. Gertrude Black, Mrs. Willie V. Thomas, Mrs. Blondena Gray, Mrs. Pearl Glover, Mrs. Alice Robins.

Mrs. Mittie Sippial, President
Mrs. Grace D. Wells, Pres. Emeritus
Mrs. Estelle O. Wright Historian
By Marie L. Sims Historian Emeritus

EN VERITE PROGRESSIVE CLUB (In Truth)

En Verite Progressive Club was organized by Mrs. Fannie Baxter Obanion. Aware of the fact that the club was newly organized, President Obanion sponsored a benefit party to defray her expense to the State meeting. Since that time, she has made wonderful contributions to the National, Regional and State.

The late Elsie Duckworth, past President of En Verite Progressive Club, was our able Art Instructor. With her ability and the support of club members, useful articles were made and displayed from time to time at the District and State meetings. To mention a few of our Civic and Charitable acts, we secured names of soldiers (through members) on the front line. The club filled stockings and boxes with edible items etc., everything was inspected and mailed to them.

We made financial contributions to organizations through the District. The club has distributed Christmas baskets to the needy at Xmas time, and made cheer for Senior Citizens in Homes.

During World War II, through the club (which included members, headed by President Obanion) \$5,000.00 in war bonds and stamps were sold. We sponsored a prize winning Fashion Revue and presented a Drama on Dr. DeFoe and the Quintuplets. We recently (the club) paid for a \$500 Life Membership with N.A.A.C.P. (Paid in full). The club has made cash donations to every request of the Dist.

The club has made many reputable contributions, sorry I can't pinpoint them just now.

Mrs. Georgia Gunn, Pres.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Fannie Baxter O'Banion	*Mrs. Josephine Graham	*Mrs. Nanette Henderson
*Mrs. Elsie Duckworth	*Mrs. Blondena W. Gray	Mrs. Carolyn J. Brookins
*Mrs. Zenobia Hinds	Mrs. Amy P. Victor	Mrs. Elizabeth M. Kelly
*Mrs. Dora I. Robinson	*Mrs. Kathryn F. Pace	Mrs. Leola J. Hill
*Mrs. Helen McDuncan	Mrs. Eula H. Williams	Mrs. Bernice Fambro
*Mrs. Hattie Thomas	Mrs. Anna Mae Black	
*Mrs. Mary E. Grundy	Mrs. Pinkye P. Harris	* Denotes Deceased

EMMA J. ANDREWS WOMAN'S CLUB HISTORY

Organized December 1932 by Mrs. Florence K. Kibble

Club Object: Perpetual Memory

Club Motto: Social Uplift

For many years the Club sponsored a program titled "Around Arts Corners with James Weldon Johnson."

Noted Poet, Song Writer and Lecturer. A graduate of Atlanta University 1894, who gave us our National Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Many outstanding artist and persons of note participated using poetry and song composed by him. Mrs. Bessie Holland was consultant of the program. Music by the late Elmur A. Simpson. Telegrams and letters from his many colleagues and Class Associates were received congratulating the Club for honoring the late James Weldon Johnson for his contributions to his race. To name a few: George A. Towns, Atlanta

University, Carl Van Vechten, Yale University Library Chairman of Memorial Collection of James Weldon Johnson Arts and letters, Marjoria Gresser, Viking Press, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Convalescent Homes, Hospitals and Shut-ins have been the recipients of many gifts and cheer. All of the Charter Members of the Club have deceased. Mrs. Sadie M. Smith has received a trophy as a forty year member, and is a life member of the I.A.C.W. The Club enrollment still stands at two score, with Mrs. Roberta Pearson serving as President who keeps the Club abreast of the many activities of the State, Central and National.

OSCAR DE PRIEST CHARITY CLUB

The Oscar De Priest Charity Club was organized June 12, 1929, by Mrs. Sarah G. Walker, Mrs. Walker was a great humanitarian. Her ambition was to give the young women of the community a chance to display their ability in an organization that needed women who were willing to work for a better tomorrow.

The Oscar De Priest Club has the distinction of being the only club named for a man. After Mrs. Walker's term ended, which had been very successful, there were thirteen dedicated women who served from 1929 to 1955, when Mrs. Elizabeth C. Williams became President of the Club, Mrs. Williams gave new sparkle to the Club. Her ability to get things done there were many activities, and lots of fund raising affairs, efforts which went to support the N.A.A.C.P. , the Jane Dent Home, and Provident Hospital. Mrs. Williams work was very well organized by the National President, Mrs. Irene M. Gaines. She was asked to go to Washington, D.C. as the National Executive Secretary, where she remained for two years. She was active in many of the Civic Affairs while there.

Elizabeth L. Williams is the Senior Member of the Club. Oscar De Priest is in our daily thoughts. Mrs. Edna Crafton, President from 1957-1958. There were 52 members and 15 associate members, also a men's auxiliary, a young adult group. At this time the Club supported the Half Way House, Provident Hospital, the Y.M.C.A., the N.A.A.C.P. The Club received a Plaque for Funds given in support

of the Fredrick Douglass Home in Washington D.C. In 1958-1960 the Club, Mrs. Adleen Cobb served as President, who served her term well. Mrs. Mary Crider, served a two year term and was an asset to the Club. Mrs. Crider was a very fine President. A piece of property belonging to the Club was sold under her administration, thus the club was able to help their favorite charities. Three of her granddaughters were presented to society through the cotillion. Miss Bunny was the first Miss C.N.D. There were many outstanding affairs given during her term of office. Mrs. Blanch Carroll served the Club for two years, brought the first Life membership in the N.A.A.C.P. Mrs. Josie W. Jones served the Club as President with much zest, a hard worker, and inspired members to always hold the Oscar De Priest Club high. She continued the support of our Charities, Mrs. Vera Cotton served as President two years. The club project during her term was the support of an Orphans Headquarters Luncheon, N.A.A.C.P., Y.M.C.A. and Provident Hospital. Two debutants were supported.

The club at this time had the help of many fine members who now are unable to support the club. In 1973, Mrs. Rosa H. Mims was elected to the Presidency for her second term. When she was president in 1969, the club brought the C.N. Dist. Cotillion: Six Debutantes and six sub Debs. She served as Co-Chairman and was responsible for 7 tables.

The Oscar De Priest Club gave the First \$1000.00 on the purchase of the C.N. Dist. Club House on Jeffery Ave.

In 1971 to 1973, Mrs. Mamie Taylor was elected President. Her projects were the N.A.A.C.P. and the Y.W.C.A., and the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Taylor served as Chair-Person of the C.N.D. Tea which was a huge success. The club supported Two Debutants during her term. On ending her term she presented to her Staff of Officers a trophy for their fine support. She also served as a Vice President to C.N. Dist. Presented to the Club, by Mrs. Marie G. Edwards, a plaque for service. A second life membership was purchased in the N.A.A.C.P. Mental Health and Provident Hospital are the projects for 1975-1976. Mrs. Mims was Chairperson of

the Cotillion two consecutive years, and two years as Chairperson of the C.N.D. Annual Teas. The 1975 Tea was held at the Kennedy King College, with 38 Clubs having tables. A beautiful fashion show was presented with ten models and Eloise Johnson, Boutique. Mrs. Mims is serving as a Vice President of Chicago Northern District.

HISTORY OF THE MARGARET M. HAYES EDUCATION & CHARITY CLUB

The Margaret M. Hayes Education & Charity Club was organized August 15, 1935, by the late Margaret M. Hayes, honoring and naming it for her mother, Georgia Martin, a prominent Club Woman.

After the passing of Margaret M. Hayes, the name of the Club was changed from the Georgia Martin Education & Charity Club to the Margaret M. Hayes Education & Charity Club. Margaret M. Hayes, at her death, was serving as President of the Chicago and Northern District Association of Club Women and Girls.

The Club feels highly honored in having from its membership three, who served in that position. Mrs. Margaret M. Hayes, Mrs. Celeste L. White and Mrs. Daisy Grisham.

Mrs. White continued to climb. After serving as Recording and Financial Secretary and President of the C.N.D.A.; she served as Recording and Financial Secretary and Past Vice-President of the I.A.C.W. She is a Life Member of the I.A.C.W. and is now serving as Board Member.

She is Past Recording and Financial Secretary of the Central Association and is now serving as Vice President at large.

She is past Board member of the N.A.C.W. and is now serving as Second Recording Secretary of the N.A.C.W.

The Margaret M. Hayes club has also had from its membership a Supervisor of Girls for the C.N.D.A. and also the I.A.C. Womans' Club, in the person of Sadie R. Brown, who is also a Life Member of the I.A.C.W.

Other members have done much to receive Honorable mention. We are very proud of our members, or should we say the Club?

Our past presidents are:

Mrs. Samantha Hixon
Margaret M. Hayes
Elizabeth Lewis
Louise Barnes
Estelle N. Scott

Sadie R. Brown
Celeste L. White
Mabel Osborne
Bernice Williams
Ellen Davis

Mable Collins
Mary E. Hobbs
Alberta Bradley
Everline Harris

OUR MOTTO: DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM TO UNTO YOU.

Sadie R. Brown, Historian
Celeste L. White, President

CARNATION STUDY CLUB; MEMBER C.N.D.A. - 1937-1975

This group of women was organized on May 22, 1937 by Mrs. Alice J. Neal and immediately became federated with the Northern District Association. Mrs. Neal, age 91, is a retired public school and piano teacher. In 1965 she was honored with the status of president-emeritus.

The club's purpose is to study matters of interest and importance to them within the framework of the Federated Club Programs in Chicago. This has afforded wonderful outlets for their minds.

In keeping with this interest in study it contributes to the Federated Club Scholarship Fund for young women who are interested in higher education but are without funds for college attendance.

Further interest in contributing to the development of black womanhood was shown in their sponsoring the organization of the Carnation Debonaires, a club of young girls which functions as a part of the C.N.D.A. Youth Groups. Mrs. Reevie Flowers is currently their supervisor.

The club's established annual calendar of events begins with its Harvest Party in November followed by the Christmas "secret-pal" exchange of gifts social affair. The anniversary is celebrated in May with a dinner and program which includes the presence of the current and past officers of the District.

Mrs. Annie T. Riddle is current president and is instrumental in leading The Carnation Study Club through one of its finest administrations.

The living past presidents, in addition to the founder, are Mrs. Anna Elder, Mrs. Lona Newborn, Mrs. Myrtle Thomas, Mrs. Roberta Gotier (now living in Fort Worth, Texas), Mrs. Genevieve Kennon and Mrs. Mary Jo Curry, niece of the late Mrs. Holman.

Mrs. Alice Holman, charter member, was so impressed by this group that she named this club in her will as the beneficiary of \$500.00 to be used for educational purposes.

The deceased loved ones of this group are memorialized annually at the District's Memorial services. However, the names Addie Tisdale Strong and Lillian R. Price, both recently deceased charter members, must be remembered in this Diamond Jubilee Celebration Story for their strong support in the initial structuring of the Carnation Study Club. Both are past presidents and worked faithfully to their ends.

HISTORY OF THE IRENE MC COY GAINES EDUCATIONAL & CIVIC CLUB

On August 12th, 1942, Mrs. Sarah Hardaway conceived the idea of organizing this club and naming it for an outstanding woman, Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines, who had served as President of the Chicago & Northern District Association of Club Women & Girls: Also served as President of the Illinois Assn. of Club Women & Girls. Currently she is the President of the National Assn. of Colored Women and Girls.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Mabel D. Clay, President, Mrs. Beatrice Childs Fountain, Vice-President, Mrs. Lillian Farmer, 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Fannie Wilson, 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Lelia Carson Recording Secretary, Mrs. Lelia B. Connon, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Clarissa Webster, Financial Sec., Mrs. Annie Parker, Treasurer, Charter Members: Mesdames Annie Wilkins, Carrie M. South, Florence Martinez, Martha B. Harris, Eda G. Butler, Leona M. Dade,

Mayme Edmondson, Elizabeth Lewing, and Ova Brooks.

Attorney Sophia Boaz installed the officers. A letter of appreciation and gratitude was read from Mrs. Gaines who was out of the city at the time. Mrs. Fountain served as our second president and Mrs. Dee B. Jackson as our third president.

Mrs. Mabel D. Clay returned to the city and again served the club for four years as president.

The objectives of the club are to promote higher education, to aid worthy students, and render community services, to support the district, State, Regional, and National programs.

Our Motto "To Inspire, Improve, and Serve". Colors Blue and White.

Under the leadership of our present president we have given to our district \$100.00 for scholarships, Chicago Defender Charities, Urban League, N.A.A.C.P., Y.W.C.A. and made liberal contributions to our State and National.

Past Presidents:

Mesdames

Mable D. Clay	Clarissa Webster	Grace Jolins
Beatrict C. Fountain	Belle H. Brown	Drusilla Lewis
Dee B. Jackson	Corrie L. Evel	Clara L. Leali
Lelia B. Cannon	Janie Bell	Alice Patterson
Elizabeth Brantley	Mary Spratt	Elenore Agin, Present Pres

GARDENIA SOCIAL AND CHARITY CLUB

Gardenia Social and Charity Club was organized May 1, 1943, at the home of Mrs. Alice Mingo. None of the ten charter members are living. Of the one hundred people that have joined the club, fifty are deceased. Some are in Senior Citizen Homes and some are in Convalescent homes. We have twenty participating members.

One of our main functions is visiting the sick and having prayer with them, we usually take fruit or food.

The Gardenia Social and Charity Club supports the N.N.A.C.P. membership drive and the Scholarship Fund fully. Our club organized a youth group in 1965. The club consisted of boys and girls. Our club was host to the C.N.D.A. twice during my administration.

Mrs. Cassie Carpenter, Pres.

THE GRACE LEE STEVENS CIVIC & CHARITY CLUB

Grace Lee Stevens Civic & Charity Club was organized February 7, 1946, in the home of Grace Stevens with five women: Eunice Tillman, Susie Bruns, Arnetta Cogwell, and Grace Lee Stevens.

Our Motto: Progress our Specific Purpose. Composed by: Arnetta Cogwell.

Club Song: "End of a Perfect Day". Composed by: Arnetta Cogwell.

Since organizing we are proud of our numerous accomplishments, namely presenting Christmas Baskets to the needy, donating to various Charities, such as the N.A.A.C.P., American Cancer Society, Defender Goodfellow Fund, Parkway Community Center, Provident Hospital, Halfway House, and Y.W.C.A.

Actively engaged in promoting lovely affairs, we conceived the idea of honoring our noted women at our annual luncheons as we graciously presented Mrs. Gertrude J. Williams, Vice President of Ebony Publishing Co.; Mrs. Ella P. Stewart, Nat. Pres., and a successful business woman; Dr. Rosa Gragg, Past Nat. Pres., and an outstanding lecturer; Mrs. Reba Hill, Past State Pres. from East St. Louis, Ill.; Myrtle Ollison, Past Nat. Pres., a prominent oil executive; Mr. Henry McGee, first Black Postmaster of Chicago. Under the leadership of our President, Frankie Bowman, we were pleased to honor Katherine Dunham, Prof. of Anthropology at Southern University. Another accomplishment of the club was the furnishing of a room in the C.N.D.A. club house, called "The Grace Lee Stevens Room", also another room was furnished by Marie Edwards in the C.N.D.A. club house, called "The Marie G. Edwards Room." Arnetta Cogwell served for two years Vice President of the C.N.D.A. We submit the names of Life Memberships as Grace Lee Stevens, former National Board Member, Gertrude J. Williams and Flora Lee. Grace Lee Stevens now Board Member Emeritus.

It is truly great to rank among the leading clubs in C.N.D.A. Our membership exceeds over fifty members and still growing.

Those who have served as President since we organized in 1946, are as follows: Grace Lee Stevens, Tecelia Ross, Sadie Crawford, Arnetta Cogwell, Cora

McDonald
Arnetta Cogwell, President of G.L.S.C.C.

Hudson, Josie Clinscales, Marie Edwards, Dr. Inez Wheatly, Gussie Monroe, May Caswell, Vera Rockhold, and Frankie Bowman.

Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens was elected to the office of President of the I.A.C.W. and Girls. During her term she was responsible for several new clubs joining I.A.C.W. She organized 13 federated clubs. Mrs. Stevens has introduced over 200 women to Federated Clubs. She was honored in the Hall of Fame, her picture was hung in the City Hall. She is also cited in Who's Who in Mid-West America.

Vera Rockhold - Co-Chairman Girls Supervisory Bd.

Ola Jones - Chairman Peace & International Relations

Gertrude J. Williams - Chairman Public Relations

Verlie Cogwell - Camp Committee Member

Josie Clinkscales - Chairman Legislation Department

Flora Lee -

Susie Bruns - Board of Directors Member

Joella P. Starnes - Chairman Health & Hygiene Department. (Mrs. Starnes also has one of the largest nursing homes in Dixmoor, Illinois)

Frances Gaines - Co-Chairman Health & Hygiene Department

OUR STATE LIFE MEMBERS

Emma Armstrong

Susie Bruns

Josie Clinkscales

Arnetta Cogwell

Flora Lee

Marie C. Edwards

Gertrude J. Williams

Joella Starnes

This concludes our report from Grace Lee Stevens Club.

Prepared by: Arnetta Cogwell

Let us build a Monument in something that will live when we are gone, that may year after year grow brighter, the time will not crumble down, that coming Generations may look on it with pride, then you will prove a blessing as Club Women TRUE AND TRIED.

Submitted by

Grace Lee Stevens Civic & Charity Club
Frankie Bowman, President

The Ila F. Summers Progressive and Civic Club, was founded May 23, 1946, by Ila F. Summers in her home.

Motto: "IT CAN BE DONE"

Mrs. Summers as a Christian had done fine work in church civic and federated clubs.

The Members deemed it an honor to name the club after her.

In the years of the clubs history, the members have worked faithfully to support our organization and has contributed their service wherever possible to many worthy causes.

Mrs. Kisiah Bradly was the president for 4 years.

Mrs. Lucille Wilbanks served for 3 years, and is now serving as president.

Mrs. Nithia Upshaw, Mrs. Josephine Lucas, Mrs. Beatrice Strong have also served faithfully as presidents.

Out faithful members are: Mrs. Jane Bisch, Mrs. Mary Tadd Scott, Mrs. Dorothea Blue, Mrs. Emma Wilson, Mrs. Lauada Clark, Miss Christine Bradley, Mrs. Martha Davis, Mrs. Hollie Bridgewater, Mrs. Dora Chubb.

Mrs. Jannie May Taylor

WOMENS' PROGRESSIVE CHARITY & CIVIC CLUB HISTORY

Womens' Progressive Club was founded by Mrs. Grace Johns in the home of Mrs. Ella H. Mitchell, Pres. of C.N.D.A. at that time. May 17, 1947 Mrs. Grace Johns was the first President. She served (3) years as President. Some of the charter members were Mesdames Dora I. Robinson, Pearl Scales, Mattie Thomas, Evelyn Coston, Willie Hill. Rev. J. D. Coston installed the group of ladies.

Our Past Presidents are:

Grace Johns
*Dora I. Robinson
Creyzant Bahram
Bessie Alexander
Ferby Fason
*Minnie Lee
Martha Phillips
Evelyn Coston
Mickey Prichett
Eula Drake

Our Present President Mrs. Beatrice McDole Serving her Fifth (5) year.

CHrysanthemum Art & CHARITY CLUB HISTORY

Chrysanthemum Art & Charity Club was organized March 1909 by Mrs. Irene Cooper.

Motto: Lifting as we Climb.

Present President; Mrs. S. P. Engram.

This Club came into being as a neighborhood Club to improve conditions in the area from 52nd to 54th Sts. on Wabash Ave. Mrs. Cooper was its first President. After the election of Mrs. Margaret O. Gainer, the name of the club was changed to Chrysanthemum Art & Charity Club. In 1910, The Chicago & Northern District Association of Club Women & Girls which was then known as the City Federation was beginning to have its influence felt throughout the city. This club was one of the local ones which helped to make the C.N.D.A. one of the most influential organizations in the City of Chicago. The Club has had many fine Leaders who has made great contributions to the District, State, Regional & National Associations. Chrysanthemum Club has given to the C.N.D.A. (3) three District Presidents. This Club held the Scholarship Trophy three times, the State Cup (3) times also. The Club has hosted the State Convention three times, Mrs. Grace Johns served as General Chairperson each time.

While serving as President of the C.N.D.A., Mrs. Johns paid off the mortgage indebted of \$7,158.56 at 6736 S. Jeffery Blvd.

Chrysanthemum will continue to support the C.N.D.A.'s program.

Past Presidents are: *Mesdames Irene Cooper, *Margaret O. Gainer, *Allie Bowen, *Estella Callman, *Nannie Reed, *Nannie Mae Williams, *Carrie Jackson, Essie Starks, *Ruby Jefferson, *Isabella Peterson, Verdale Phillips, *Mattie Paris, *Alice Carter, Mary Anderson Knutt, Carrie Meeks, *Edna Harmon, Viola B. Mitchell, Lucille M. Williams, Grace Johns, Louise Marshall, Ruth N. Hall, *Marguerite W. Range, Alice Patterson, Lillian Mosely, Elsie Green, *Irene C. Shaw, Fannie Barnhill, Edna Bell, now serving, Samantha Palmore Engram.

WAUKEGAN NORTH CHICAGO SERVICE CLUB

The Waukegan North Chicago Service Club was organized in 1947 by the late Mrs. Hattie McDonald.

The purpose for which this club was organized was to meet the specific needs of the Waukegan and North Chicago communities. These needs include such services as friendly visits to the sick, especially those individuals in hospitals and homes where relatives are absent.

Mrs. Viola Harraway, Pres.
Mrs. Rose Parker, Sec'y.

ORIGINAL JEANETTE SMITH EDUCATIONAL

The Jeanette Smith Educational and Civic Club was organized in 1949 by Mrs. Henrietta Bailey.

In the past we have done many nice things for other people. We have given many parties to help in carrying out our program.

Money was raised to send me to Atlanta, Georgia, in order that we might continue to keep in touch and be informed as we try continuing our support in furthering the work of the Federation.

Vivian Reed, Pres.

MISSOURI SOCIAL & CHARITY CLUB

The Missouri Social & Charity Club was organized January 15, 1950 by Mrs. Mary Dixon.

Object - To serve the community

Motto - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Colors - Green and White

The club became affiliated with CHicago Northern District Association of Club Women and Girls, Inc., March 1950.

Activities: We have sold Dinners and Candy, table annually at the District Tea, and also served the C.N.D.A., District Meetings several times.

Donations: Cash, Provident Hospital, Cash, Ada S. McKinley School for the retarded, Cash and can goods to June Dent Home for the

aged, volunteer service to the Pediatrics Department of Provident Hospital, Washington Park Y.M.C.A., annual tea to send children to summer camp and donated to C.N.D.A. a dining room table in 1964.

Past Presidents:

Mrs. Mary Dixon
Mrs. Gonzella Motley
Mrs. Katherine Brown
Mrs. Isola Mills
Mrs. Irma Greer
Mrs. Almeta Houston
Mrs. Marie McNeal

Present President: Mrs. Gonzella Motley

HISTORY OF THE BEATRICE HOWARD CHARMOND CLUB

"The Club was originally known as "The Charmond Club", organized by Mrs. Beatrice Howard in the year of nineteen-hundred-fifty-two. Mrs. Howard served the organization par excellence for many years; thus at her demise the name of the club was altered to become known as the BEATRICE HOWARD CHARMOND CLUB.

The club has since produced some renowned clubwomen, who have added and given much to club work over the years.

The roster of past officers and members is very impressive in this respect, perpetuating activities such as those of Mrs. Bernice Tolmire; Red Cross Blood Bank Worker, Sponsor of the Del Sprite Girls, CNDA Registrar, Life Member of the National Assoc. of Club Women and Girls, Scholarship Board Member, Sponsored two Sub Debs, and past President of club.

Another profile is that of Mrs. Fannie C. Irving, also a past president of the club, serving in that capacity for four years, sponsored two debutantes and one Sub-Deb in the CNDA Cotillion; Tags for Provident Hospital Fund, IACWC Life Member, Fourth Vice President of IACWC, Past Chairperson of National Notes, Ticket Chairperson of IACWC Musical Extravaganza N.D. A donor to the CNDA Book Shelf at Northeastern Illinois University for inner city studies; past Supvr. of Young Adults Dept. CNDA, member of the Board of Directors, CNDA, member of the Widows' Club, and at present Statician CNDA incumbant.

This is but a small portion of the profile of the members, the amount of their contributions are too numerous to stipulate, but they have "LIVED" them.

MEMBERS

Madames
Gertrude Brown - Record. Sec.
Carrie Calvin - Pres.
Elsie Creed - Chaplain
Mattie Deed - Vice Pres.
Fannie C. Irving - Asst. Fin. Sec.
Mildred Jones
Loretta Lightfoot - Corr. Sec.
Lorena Manual - Vice Pres.
Beatrice Gordon Moore - Fin. Sec.
Margaret Sewell
Bernice Talmaire - Treas.
Bessie Torrence
Lurlean Trammell

PAST PRESIDENTS

Madames
Beatrice Howard
Margaret Sewell
Bessie Perkins
Elizabeth Corner
Fannie C. Irving
Bernice Tolmaire
Carrie Calvin - Incumbant, also
(Incumbant Supv. of Girls, IACW,
and Life memb. of NACW.)

MAYME WILLIAMS CIVIC AND EDUCATIONAL CLUB HISTORY

Mayme Williams Civic and Educational Club was organized, December 2, 1952, by the late Mrs. E. Nightengale Scott, in her home at 432 Oakwood Boulevard with ten full members and twelve associate members. The object, "To Promote Civic, Cultural and Educational Interests". The Motto, "All For One - One For All"; The Club Flower - Rose. The Club Color - Pink and White. The Club joined the District in March 1953, and joined the State in June 1953. The First Members were:

FULL MEMBERS

Mesdames

* E. Nightengale Scott
* Minnie Watson
M. Flourney
Etta Peppers
Hazel Abner
* Mayme Williams
Essie D. Hobson
Louise Lewis
Evangeline Roberts
Mary Gassaway

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Mesdames

Grace Johns
Susie Bruns
Mary Hooks
Beatrice Howard
Cory Hocks
Celine Bland
Josie Clinkscale
Easter Steele
Anne Hightower
Grace Lee Stevens
Katherine Kent
Lela B. Cannon

The financial efforts were teas and luncheons, the highlight of the Club was, "The President's Fiesta", honoring the First President, Mrs. Minnie Watson and Mrs. Mayme Williams, for whom the Club was named, and who, at that time, was the 25th President of the District (C.N.D.A.)

The Club has had five presidents. They are:

Mesdames: 1st. Minnie Watson, 2nd. E. Nightengale Scott, 3rd. Trilby Thomas, 4th. Ada Parish and 5th. Ollie Jones, elected in 1967.

All the presidents were mindful of the obligations to the organizations and were able to keep the banner afloat. Under our present administration, we are growing in strength and have had wonderful success. We are endeavoring to uphold the objectives of the organization and reaching out to other needy causes. We

have a life membership in the N.A.A.C.P. We have sponsored debutantes and sub deb's in the cotillions. Our members are willing workers, and mindful of one another with a bond of Christian Love and Fellowship.

Our President, Mrs. Ollie Jones, has served four two-year terms (8 yrs.), is a member of the C.N.D.A. Bd. of Dir., and is also co-chr. to the Board of Managers. Mrs. Jones also is a life member in the National Assoc., and has served on many committees.

SATELLITE CLUB

On a cold winter night in December 1956, the following ladies met in the home of Mrs. Mildred Caldwell: Mrs. Mildred Weaver, Mrs. Lenora White, Mrs. Genice Lowery, Mrs. Velma Bibbs, Mrs. Victoria Evans, Mrs. Jane Hayes, and Mrs. Naomi Preston.

Out of this meeting, a club was organized with the following elected officers: Mrs. Mildred Weaver, President; Mrs. Jane Hayes, Vice President; Mrs. Lenora White, Secretary; Mrs. Naomi Preston, Treasurer; Mrs. Genice Lowery, Business Mgr.; Mrs. Mildred Caldwell, Mrs. Victoria Evans, Mrs. Velma Bibbs, Sergeants at Arms.

After various names were considered, it was a unanimous decision that the club was to be known as the Satellite 8's Saving & Social Club. This seemed to express the new, exciting, and daring age of 1957. Furthermore, it was decided that the Satellite Club needed a Space Man. This honor was bestowed upon Allen Carney, who served in this capacity for two years. The club disbanded in 1960, but we were so unhappy that we continued to meet monthly, or a few of us, and under the guidance of Mrs. Jane Hayes, we re-organized in 1961. Officers as follows: Mrs. Jane Hayes, President; Mrs. Lenora White, Vice President; Mrs. Amanda Fountaine, Secretary; Mrs. Naomi Preston, Treasurer; and Mrs. Mildred Weaver, Business Mgr. Over the years we picked up and lost members from time to time, but Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. White, Mrs. Caldwell, and Mrs. Preston remained loyal club members.

Mrs. Hayes was never happy with "just a Fund and Fun Club for ourselves", but was always interested in others, especially our youth, being ever alert to "Lift as We Climb". We disbanded as a Social & Savings Club in December 1963 and immediately re-organized as a Federated Club of the Chicago Northern District Association and renamed our club the "Satellite Cultural and Civic Club". President of the Chicago Northern District Association - Mrs. Myrtle A. McKenzie, Membership Chairman, Mrs. Margaret Sparks. We added to our rosters as members: Mrs. Betty Hamer, Mrs. Helen Glenn, Mrs. Anna Bass, Mrs. Martha Berry, Mrs. Oneita Woods, and Mrs. Montgomery. Since 1963, we have added as members: Mrs. Mary Givens, Mrs. Bernice Connors, Mrs. Delores Hayes, Mrs. Clara Jones, Mrs. Opal Johnson, Mrs. Mary Rice, Mrs. Esther Hutcherson, Mrs. Charlene Newman, Mrs. Louise Chester, and Mrs. Abbi Jenkins.

Mrs. Bernice Shamberger, President
Mrs. Jane Hayes, Past President

Officers

Naomi Preston
Betty Hammer
Louise Chester
Helen Glenn

Charlene Newman
Bernice Connors
Mary Givens

LAWNDALE CIVIC AND EDUCATIONAL CLUB HISTORY

The Lawndale Civic and Educational Club was organized February 9, 1958, with eleven members, in the home of the founder, Mrs. Ruth Watson, a Christian woman, and a nurse. Her vast business and social connections made it possible for her to organize the Club. Mrs. Wilhemenia Plunkett served as the First President.

The purpose and aims of the Club are to inspire education in our youth by establishing an annual \$500.00 Scholarship Aid Fund and awarding same to a deserving youth living in the Lawndale area. The members are also working to raise the standard of living in the community and to make known the rights of the people.

During the years contributions have been made to the following: C.N.D.A. Scholarship Fund; A. B. C. Youth Center; the "Selma to Montgomery March" in 1965; The Negro College Fund; and the Chicago Defenders Charities. The Club holds membership with the Chicago Urban League and life membership with the N.A.A.C.P.

Each year the club observes Negro History Week, having presented such prominent figures as Mr. George W. White, an Attorney; Mr. Langston Hughes, Author and Lecturer; Mr. Jesse Owens; Rep. William H. Robinson; Miss Ann Pendergrast, a teacher; Mr. James W. Compton, and Executive of the Chicago Urban League; Mrs. Etta Motten Barnett; Dr. Ruth Allen Fouche; and Mrs. M. Hanley.

The Club Co-Sponsors a Junior Girls' Club, ages 8 to 18. Mrs. Eria Mae Sanders is the Sponsor.

In 1963, the club sent five underprivileged children to camp, all expenses paid.

Miss Carolyn J. Hirsch was awarded a four year scholarship aid of \$2,000. Miss Hirsch received her B.A. degree in 1964 and her Masters from Roosevelt University in 1971. The sum of \$500.00 was awarded to Miss Eugenie Chandler. Mr. Ralph Thompson received \$2,000. He received his B.A. from Southern Illinois University in 1971. Miss Beverly McCuller was awarded \$750. Mr. Edwin Perry was awarded \$500.00. Ten students were given \$100 each in 1967 - 1971. 1974, Shirley Page \$500.00. Margaret Perry \$250.00. Tekla Jones \$250.00.

The members of the club give thanks to God that we have been able to help some youths achieve their goal during these years.

THE ALFREDA WELLS DUSTER CIVIC CLUB

Organized 1960

By Grace Lee Stevens

The Alfreda Wells Duster Civic Club was organized in December, 1960 by Grace Lee Stevens. A group of professional and business women wanted to form a club. Mrs. Stevens wanted to return to the C.N.D.A. the name of Ida B. Wells, who organized the first civic clubs in this country and in this city, who was the "cause celebre" of "The Call" by Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin in 1893, and the subsequent founding of the National Association of Colored Women, Inc.

She chose the name of Ida B. Wells-Barnett's daughter, Alfreda Duster and inserted the name Wells, to form the Alfreda Wells Duster Civic Club.

The first president was Mrs. Frances Moore, who had been an ardent member of the Girls' Division and the Young Adults in Springfield, Illinois, and who had experience and dedication to the Federation. Under her leadership, the Club formulated the policies of supporting civic, educational and cultural events as the members were working full time.

During the fifteen years, the Club has sponsored young musical and dramatic talent, giving exposure to those gifted but not well known; has supported the educational television station of Chicago W T T W, with money and with our public relations and publicity director, Della O. Wylie, recruiting volunteers and serving on the telethons, auctions, membership drives, etc.; supported the United Negro College Fund each year by being sponsor for the Ebony Fashion Fair; supported the Chicago Defender Charities with gifts and financial support and service at distribution times, with Delia O. Wylie serving and recruiting volunteers; planned trips and tours of educational and recreational value; maintained a social service fund at the Woodlawn Child Health Center for emergency needs of clients who otherwise would not be able to buy medicine, food when checks are late or when prescribed diets could not otherwise be maintained; aided needy families when emergency crises have arisen; sponsored contestants in the Black Teenager Contests; supplied chairmen and co-chairmen of departments of the C.N.D.A.; and supported other clubs in the Federation at their affairs.

In 1970, combining the tenth anniversary of the Club and the publication of Crusade for Justice: The Autobiography of Ida B. Wells by the University of Chicago Press, a celebration was held at the Center for Continuing Education of the University of Chicago to which all Clubs and the public were invited. Alfreda M. B. Duster, daughter of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, who edited the book under the direction of Dr. John Hope Franklin, autographed copies of the books. Grace Lee Steven was Guest of Honor. Miss Jessie Mae Mitchell was chairman of the affair.

Under the present leadership of Myra Rogers, president, and with new members, the Club has surged ahead in many fields. Miss Joan Byas chaired a Festival at the Parkway Community House where homemade and hand crafted articles were displayed. Mrs. Osceola Powell chaired an interesting trip to the Amish Village in Nappanee, Indiana.

Our President, Mrs. Myra Rogers, has recently been elected as President of the Presidents' Council of the C.N.D.A. Our past president, Mrs. Georgia Rowell was formerly secretary of the Presidents' Council.

Our presidents have been:

Mrs. Frances Moore, 1960 - 1962
Mrs. Della O. Wylie 1962 - 1964
Mrs. Claudia Thomas 1965 - 1967
Mrs. Alfreda Duster 1967 - 1969
Mrs. Georgia Rowell 1970 - 1972
Mrs. Myra Rogers 1973 - 1975

Mrs. Della O. Wylie has been and still is public relations director for Miss Black Teenage Illinois State Pageant, Inc.

Mrs. Wylie has kept a most interesting scrap-book of all activities of the Club since 1960 and will be happy to show it to you if you would like to see it and supplement items that are here itemized.

Mrs. Wylie is coordinator for the entire South Side in the annual membership drive of W T T W and has won substantial awards for her efforts in this capacity. She has kept the Club prominent in the Black Pride campaign of the Chicago Daily Defender.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Della O. Wylie, (who is co-chairman of C.N.D.A. public relations and publicity with Mrs. Gertrude Johnson Williams) or Mrs. Alfreda M. B. Duster.

LORAIN R. GREEN CIVIC AND CHARITY CLUB HISTORY

The Loraine R. Green Civic and Charity Club was organized on March 25, 1961, at the home of Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens, 6547 St. Lawrence Avenue.

Mrs. Lillian Hayes Griggs was elected the first President. Dr. Ruth Allen Fouché as Vice President.

Club Motto: Today we launch, where will we anchor.

Club Colors: Blue and White.

Club Song: Amen Amen.

We always help the Chicago Defender Charities, Youth Clubs, Negro College Fund, Mary Thompson Hospital, many people who are ill and elderly. We have cooperation with our District Presidents up to date.

We are said to be one of the most outstanding clubs in the district. The President, Mrs. Lillian Griggs' three year old grad daughter is the youngest paid up member in any club. Her name is Margaret Loraine Taylor named for the club's name-sake. Mrs. Loraine R. Green.

In December, we have our annual fashion show to raise funds for charity and other obligations.

Please pray that we grow stronger each year and do great things for the uplifting of mankind.

Mrs. Lillian H. Griggs, Pres.
Mrs. Nancy Thomas, Vice Pres.
Mrs. Bettye Collins, Sec'y. Treas.
Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens, Organizer
Mrs. Wendell E. Green, Name-sake
Mrs. Celeste L. White, Advisor

ETTA MOTEN CIVIC AND EDUCATIONAL CLUB

Meeting Date - Third Friday of each Month from Sept. to June

The Etta Moten Civic and Educational Club was organized in 1962 under the direction of Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens in August. Mrs. Mary Drain was our President and Mrs. Alberta Rice was vice-president. It was named after Etta Moten Barnett who was a famous singer and played as Bess; in the second Porgy and Bess. Our Motto is "Ask not what we can do for ourselves but what we can do for others." Our club colors are yellow and green. Our purpose is to estab-

lish civic and educational help, to promote higher character, scholarship and citizenship for the community. Our projects that we contribute to annually are:

1. Halway House or Prison Release Program
2. Chicago Northern District Association Scholarship Fund for a worthy student or students.
3. Complete Thanksgiving baskets to very needy families which usually consists of 8 or more people, and also elderly couples.
4. The Chicago Northern District Association Annual Debutante Cotillion held in May each year.
5. Provident Hospital
6. Other Projects

The present officers are: Celeste C. LaChapelle, President, Helen Crawford, Vice-President, Mary Gay, 1st Vice President, Mary Partee, Treasurer, Eleanor Matthews, Corresponding Secretary, Mildred Woodard, Recording Secretary, Nellie Johnson, Financial Secretary, Chaplain Naomi Jones, Sgt. at Arms, Ruby Kelly, Publicity, Effie Young, Chairman of Social Committee, Alberta Rice, Co-Chairman, Naomi Jones, Chairman of Sick Committee, Ethel Yarbrough, Co-Chairman, Ermine Marcelus, Alberta Rice, Club Advisor, Carthella Spottsville, Budget Director. The Club had a lovely brotherhood February 15, 1975, will participate in the Annual Tea at Kennedy King March 23, 1975, the Cotillion on May 24, 1975. Our Annual Fund Raising Affair will be October 26, 1975. We will give details later.

Celeste C. LaChapelle

"THE GERTRUDE JOHNSON WILLIAMS CIVIC CLUB" HISTORY

The Gertrude Johnson Williams Civic Club was founded and organized on May 23, 1963, by Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens in her home, 6547 South St., Lawrence Avenue. The prospective members gathered at Mrs. Stevens home to await the arrival of the honoree and namesake, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson Williams.

Mrs. Williams is Vice President of the Johnson Publishing Company and mother of the publisher, Mr. John H. Johnson. Mrs. Williams was surprised beyond words when she discovered that the ladies had met and formed a club in her honor.

Mrs. Agnes Thornton, president of the Northern District Federated Women's Club spoke to us and explained what the Federation expected of us. It was moved and seconded that the secretary send a letter to the C.N.D.A. asking permission to become Federated, and send in our joining fee which was one dollar. (\$1.00)

OFFICERS ELECTED WERE:

Mrs. Irma Miles Whiten...President
Mrs. Edithe E. Watts.....Vice President
Mrs. Eva Hickman.....Financial Secretary
Mrs. Constance Hunt.....Recording Secretary
Mrs. Geraldine Hardwick..Treasurer
Mrs. Gertrude Johnson Williams....Chaplain

Since the organization of the club we have continued to move forward. We are affiliated with many organizations. We have two \$500.00 Life Memberships with the NAACP. We contribute to the following:

Scholarship Fund	YWCA
District Tea	Provident Hospital
Oratorical Contest	DAC Girls
NAACP	and others

Our president, Mrs. Williams, is a life member of the NAACP-CNDA-IACWG-NACWG.

Our present officers are:

Mrs. Gertrude Johnson Williams	President
Mrs. Florence Harris	Vice President
Mrs. Willie M. Burns	Financial Secretary
Mrs. Georgia D. Sanders	Asst. Financial Sec.
Mrs. Irma M. Whiten	Recording Sec.
Mrs. Geraldine Hardwick	Treasurer
Mrs. Ethel Smith	Chaplain-Sick Comm. Chrm.
Miss Vivian Moore	Parliamentarian

We have twenty active members who are all striving to continue this great work.

CORA E. CARROLL CIVIC AND FEDERATED CLUB HISTORY

The Cora E. Carroll Civic and Federated Club was organized in April 1965, by Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens, in honor of Mrs. Cora E. Carroll, the one time Mayor of Bronzville, whose business is now located on East 43rd St.

The organizing consisted of 5 five members, namely Mrs. Odessa Wright, Mrs. Lillian Williams, who since that time has gone to be with the Lord. Mrs. Claudia Thomas, Mrs. Mable Clark Mickle, Mrs. Cora E. Carroll, and Mrs. Irene Tinsey, who was elected President, labored diligently, gallantly, willingly and cheerfully, in that capacity until June 1974.

The club grew under her very capable leadership to 25 twenty five members, many of whom she was instrumental in bringing in.

In May 1970, we sponsored a Debutante Miss. Rachell Newman, also a Sub. Debutante, Miss Sharon Nubel. We raised more than \$800.00, Eight Hundred, for the annual Cotillion.

We have continued to keep our obligations and make our contributions to the parent body. Our first affair was held at the Kungsholm Restaurant, 100 E. Ontario St. Mrs. Odessa Wright, was the chairperson. It was successful, beautiful and enjoyed by all who attended.

Our Club Colors are black and pink. In June 1974, Mrs. Sally Williams was elected President. Our Motto: Informed, Involved, Included. Our Aim: To grow successfully. Our Object shall be to promote interracial understanding so that Justice and Good Will May Prevail among all people.

On September the 14th, 1974, we toured New Salem and Springfield, Ill., the trip was very educational to all who journeyed with us.

Mrs. Lillie White, Historian

THE LILLIAN HAYES GRIGGS CIVIC AND SERVICE CLUB HISTORY

The Lillian Hayes Griggs Civic and Service Club was organized June 5, 1967 at the home of Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens, 6547 St. Lawrence Ave. Mrs. Essie Robinson was elected our first President, serving well for two years. Mrs. Bettie Mae Collins of 6124 Champlain Ave. was then elected as President. Bettie made a very, very outstanding leader the members loved and followed her biddings under her administration. We presented two girls in the C.N.D.A. Cotillion. Mrs. Grace Johns was the President of the Chicago and Northern District Association of Club Women and Girls.

After then, Mrs. Collins term expired. The name-sake, Lillian G. Johnson, was the elected President even though she declined. The members said NO, we want you. So Lillian gave in and she's now serving but says she must let someone else do the job and learn more about the work of the organization. Our President has worked in a beautiful way with the District Board, State Board, District Drama Dept., District Arts and Crafts Dept. and many other committees, Depts. and Clubs.

This Club works with Michael Reese Hospital for Sickle Cell research, LaRabida Childrens' Hospital, Mary Thompsons Hospital (bed-linens given), Chicago Defender Charities, Chicago Housing Authority, Door of Hope Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Baptist, Robert Taylor Homes (children), books for Missions, Jails and Homes. \$100.00 given to our District when club was taken into District.

When taken into the organization, President Lillian Griggs Johnson gave \$100.00 on building fund for our present club home at 6736 S. Jeffery Blvd., also one of her members, Mozella Gaylord gave \$100.00. The club proper gave \$100.00. \$600.00 was given to Michael Reese Hospital and the Philis Wheatly Home (\$10.00). Roosevelt University got \$300.00 in clothing for a bazaar, also food, money and clothing were given to children and the aged.

This club is noted for its most beautiful holiday parties and gifts given to all of the guests. This year of 1975, we are honoring 14 District women on March 22nd at our Club House located at 6736 S. Jeffery Blvd. Our President, Lillian Griggs Johnson, has been named and selected to work on the National Arts and Crafts Committee. She worked with Mrs. Gladys G. Taylor of Washington, D.C. and with the Hallie Q. Brown Committee (National).

Lillian gives of her means and herself to all. She works hard for others but she tries to please God not man. Whatever you do today directs your actions to the Lord.

Lillian Griggs Johnson, Pres.
Mozella Gaylord, Secretary

THE ORIGINAL UNIQUE EBONETTES SOCIAL AND CHARITY CLUB HISTORY

The Original Unique Ebonettes Social and Charity Club is an organization of women interested in personal growth through leadership and training. We were organized in September 1968. Our first president was Frozene Marks Byrd.

The Club set up various outings, projects, and dinners as well as known Restaurants and Playhouses. We participate in as many CNDA activities as possible. We have members working in four departments.

The Club has supported two shelter houses, Jane Dent Nursing Home, 4430 S. Vincennes and the Ivy Shelter Care Home, 5839 So. Calumet.

We have had two tours on the town and they were successful. Our aim is to support the black businessman.

We have supported CNDA in their cotillions. The Club has supplied two debutantes and one sub-debutante. We have members working in the district; we have donated to the Scholarship fund, camp fund, and other charitable groups.

The outing for 1975 will be during the month of June - Destination William Bay Resort, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Again, we support the views of the district, "From possibilities to realities."

Jean LaFaire, President
and Club Members 1975

THE MAMIE B. REESE CIVIC & EDUCATIONAL CLUB HISTORY

The Mamie B. Reese Civic & Educational Club was organized in July 1970, by Mrs. Helen M. Bowman, in her home at 7359 South Emerald Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60621. Ten Christian women were in attendance. Mrs. Bowman was elected President and served three (3) years. We honored our name sake, Mrs. Mamie B. Reese, in 1971, at the beautiful Colonial House.

Mrs. Ethel Skinner was elected President in 1973. We have added five more members each year. We contribute to the NAACP, Provident Hospital through tagging, and to the CNDA Scholarship Fund. We have one (1) life member of the NACWC, Mrs. Bowman. Our motto is: "CHRISTIAN WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR GOOD"

Mrs. Ethel Skinner - President
Mrs. Rosa Readus - Secretary

HISTORY OF THE IRIS CULTURAL AND CIVIC CLUB.

The Iris Cultural and Civic Club was organized on September 21, 1970. Our founder, and establisher, the Reverend Lucretia L. Smith, is also the Pastor and Founder of our Church, The Lily of the Valley Spiritual Church. We were organized to serve "God", then Man. Our Theme is, Bloom Where you are, our Motto is, Onward and Upward. Our club colors are pink and white. Pink represents Purity. The objectives of our club are: To help teenagers, as well as young adults who need our services in helping themselves to advance culturally, civically, and professionally. Whether it be in the field of a musical profession, a teaching profession, the field of beauty culture, or perhaps in the field of catering. We are striving to help others who are endeavoring to help themselves. Our meetings are held each First Sunday of the Month, at 4 P.M., at our Headquarters which are located at 4853 So. Princeton Ave., Chicago, Illinois. We have ten members. The Reverend Lucretia L. Smith is founder, and president, our vice presidents are: Ms. Lillie Mae Mack, and Ms. Nita M. Clemons, our recording secretary is Ms. Lucretia Smith, the financial secretary is, Ms. Ella Richard, our treasurer is Ms. Fannie Grayson, Ms. Leona Carter is the chaplain. In December of 1973, we decided to become affiliated with the C.N.D.A., and to combine our forces with their's to help serve humanity to the best of our capacity.

HISTORY OF
THE MYRTLE A. MCKENZIE SELF REALIZATION CLUB

The Club was organized the year 1970 on the 25th day of April. A group of 10 women were brought together by Miss Vivian V. Moore and Mrs. Jane Hayes. These two women instituted the honoring of, with naming the Club, Myrtle A. McKenzie (Self Realization Club), a reowned Club women.

Being founded in Chicago Northern District Association of Club Women and Club Girls, INC, they immediately became affiliated with The Illinois Clubs, and the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs.

Association of Club Women, Central Regional Association of Colored Women's Clubs, and the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Hayes served as the first President. During her tenure, the "Outstanding Citizen" of the year Award Luncheon was given.

When the Club was less than 1½ years in existance it hosted the Seventy Second Convention of the IACWC, at the LaSalle Hotel Chicago, Ill., 1972 with Mrs. Lois Lester as President.

The Club is affiliated with the NAACP by partial Life Membership, and contributes to the Chicago Urban League and Harriette M. Harris YWCA annually.

The dynamic President at this time is Mrs. Nellie Smith, Vice Presidents Miss Vivian V. Moore & Mrs. Lillian Ratliff, Recording Secretary Mrs. Mary Ella Thornton, Assistant Recording Secretary Mrs. Ejeri Gibson, Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Alice Johnson, Financial Secretary Mrs. Marie Williams, Treasure Mrs. Myrtle A. McKenzie, Parliamentarian Mrs. Bernice Shamberger, Chaplian Mrs. Maude Bradford, Members are Mrs. Jaunita Arnold, Mrs. Jessye DeLancey, Mrs. Ronah Gray, Dr. Alvenia M. Fulton, Mrs. Emily Hicks, Mrs. Hazel Jackson, Mrs. Dorristine Neely and Mrs. Odessa Wilson.

Mrs. Grace Johns

Mrs. Grace Johns was elected President of the Chicago and Northern District Association of Club Women and Girls, Inc., June 1969. She served until June 1971. Mrs. Johns with the cooperation of the club women paid off the mortgage indebtedness of \$7,158.56 the first year.

The building was dedicated by the Rev. D.E. King and his choir sang, all from Monunmental Baptist Church of where Dr. King is Pastor. The building is located at 6736 South Jeffery Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

A linen shower was given by Mrs. Johns for our girls in our dormotones again the Club Women of Chicago and Northern District Association of Club Women and Girls responded with more than 250 pieces of beautiful bed linen.

We also converted from coal to gas heat. A new coca-cola machine was purchased and furniture was given by a friend for the girls sitting room on the second floor.

We organized a young adults department in G.N.D.A. We presented 32 Debretantes the 1st year and 30 the second year and 40 sub-debs.

Mrs. Johns has been a member of the Olivet Baptist Church for 57 years. This administration left \$13,000.00 in the treasure in 1971.

Mrs. Johns received many Citations and was invited by Mayor Hon Richard Daley to take the first ride on the new Dan Ray an Train and have lunch at the Blackstorn Hotel, and received a Trophy.

Many Trophies and Placques were Received for which we are grateful.

We spent two peaceful happy years as president of the Chicago, Northern District Association of Club Women and Girls; and we thank god, god bless the beautiful women of C.N.D.A. We thank god for his leading and guiding us all the way.

Grace Johns

Past State President
HIGH LIGHTS OF FANNIE BAXTER'S STATE HISTORY

President of Illinois Association of Colored Women and Girls, Inc. from 1947 through 1948. Theme, "Pathfinding for a Better Tomorrow."
Her recommendations were:

1. the Camp Committee become a Department
2. the Baxter award be given the girl with the most outstanding cultural achievement, to be donated each year by Mrs. Baxter however, in 1965, she received the permission of the Board of Directors to purchase a traveling trophy.
3. that a typewriter be purchased for convention

These recommendations passed.

A \$250.00 college scholarship was awarded to Miss Dorothy Gregg.
(This was not taken from the scholarship loan fund.)

On September 21, 1947, the 84th anniversary year of the Emancipation Proclamation, Mrs. Baxter was the speaker at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois and also at a church celebration. She shared the program with Dr. Yard, director of a Round Table of Christians and Jews.

In 1957 became the President of the Central Regional Association for the unexpired term of the late Cleo Haley. Elected President in her own right for the years 1959-61 in Bloomington Ill. In 1952 elected National Administrative Board member. The first Chairman of State Exhibits and Scrapbooks for National. As Chairman of U.S. Bonds received 10 citations for their sale. Life member of National Association of Colored Women.

N.D.

Mrs. Ella H. Mitchell, the 22nd president of the Chicago and Northern District Association of Club Women, and the 30th President of the Illinois Association of the Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls, had many outstanding accomplishments during her administration.

While president of the CNDA, efforts were put forth to see that the monument commemorating the soldier who fought with the 8th Regiment in World War I was cleaned. She purchased a Life Membership in the N.A.A.C.P., liquidated the indebtedness of the Federated Home at 5627 S. Michigan, opened the first C.N.D.A. office and letter service, and paid off the mortgage on the Club House at 4941 King Drive. A mortgage burning ceremony was held in March, 1947.

The first memorial service of the C.N.D.A. was held during her administration in May, 1947. Mrs. Rhoda Mugridge of the Myra Hunter Reeves Culture Club and Mrs. Betty Lamber of the Phyllis Wheatly Club were the first so eulogized.

While she was State President, a \$500.00 membership in the N.A.A.C.P. was purchased for the Illinois Association. During her term the First Musical Extravaganza was held, raising over \$2000. Thirty-five girls were taken to the State Meeting in Bloomington. The Illinois women made and hung draperies in the Illinois room in Washington D.C. at a cost of \$500.00 A bronze plaque was placed in the room baring the names of contributors toward the room's expense, and the Douglass Committee presented a life-size oil painting of Hallie Q. Brown to the Douglass Headquarters at a cost of \$600.00. A contribution was given to the Hallie Q. Brown Educational Fund; \$1900.00 in Scholarships were given away and six children were sent to camp at a cost of over \$200.00. Four Life Memberships in the National Association were purchased.

The grand total of contributions and gifts given to the National Headquarters during Mrs. Mitchell's administration amounted to over \$14,000.00.

Compiled by Opal H. Johnson

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF MRS. MYRTLE A. ELLISON McKENZIE-Past President
of The Chicago and Northern District Association of Club Women and Club Girls INC.

A native of Texas and partially reared in Kansas City, Kansas. She received her public school training in Gainesville, Texas, and finished Home Economics and Normal Training at Western University, Kansas City, Kansas, where she also completed the Sunday School Teachers Training Course in the Theological Seminary Department. She then attended the Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas. She taught three years in the public schools in Kansas City, before her marriage and moving to Chicago.

Mrs. McKenzie is extremely active in Clubwork, Social, Civic, Church and Community affairs. Some of her affiliations are mentioned herein: She has been a member of Grant Memorial A M E Church, of which the Rev. Harvey E. Walden is Pastor for more than forty eight years, member of the Senior Choir forty eight years, a former School teacher, and now a member of Adult Class #1, Past President of the Pastor's Aid Club, Past President and member of the Semper Fidelis Club, one of the large auxiliaries of the church.

In June 1963, the En Avant Cultural and Civic Club endorsed the candidacy of Mrs. McKenzie for the office of president of The Chicago and Northern District Association of Club Women and Club Girls INC., because of her many years of varied experiences and continued work in the afore mentioned organizations. She was elected and served CNDA as President, 1963-1965. When Vice President of CNDA she chaired "A Salute to all past District Presidents" at the then new and fabulous Meadows Club. The affair was both an outstanding social event and a gigantic financial success. Mrs. McKenzie, served CNDA (2) years as recording secretary, (2) years as corresponding secretary, (2) years as statistician, member of the Board of Directors, Chairperson of Education department and numerous committees.

Some of her accomplishments during her tenure of office, were first to follow through with the change of CNDA's name (1959) from Chicago and Northern District Association of Colored Women and Colored Girls INC., to The Chicago and Northern District Association of Club Women and Club Girls INC., on the Charter and other pertinent papers, instituted the "CNDA Monogram", also Pitney Bowes Meter Mail system, which carries our Motto: "From Possibilities To Realities", Organized the first Integrated TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Club in Chicago in the CNDA Club House as a Community project with more than twenty women, and was the first Queen, having lost 90 lbs, and earned an expense paid trip to Toronto, Canada to its National Convention.

Mrs. McKenzie, succeeded in getting the late Alderman Claude W.B. Holman, 4th Ward, and the City Planning Committee, to demolish the old mansion at 45th and erect a Park with trees and benches on the lot. An American Flag was presented to Judge Edith Sampson, with stand for her Courtroom during this administration.

CNDA sent Mrs. McKenzie, as representative to Washington, D.C. to the March on Washington, Aug., 1963. She also represented CNDA at the Negro Centennial Celebration in Springfield Ill, and also took an active part in the State Pagant at the Negro Centennial written and directed by Mrs. Ruth Steele and presented at the McCormick Place. Presented this is your "Life Mary G. Puckett" honoring a dedicated club woman. Paid tribute to the late Dr. Irene McCoy Gaines, at a memorial service at the CNDA Club House, to which all National, Central Regional, and State Officers were hosted following her interment.

Mrs. McKenzie chose as the theme for her administration "Making Each Objective an Attainment-With Accent on Youth". The 1st year 20 lovely young ladies were presented to adult society at a never to be forgotten Debutante Cotillion in the Gold Room of the Pick Congress Hotel. Through the efforts, support and cooperation of the Debs' parents, friends and CNDA Club members, Mrs. McKenzie was able to present 34 young ladies at the 2nd Cotillion in the Grand Ball-room of the Sheraton Chicago Hotel, where the great gates of celebrated society opened and the significant occasion marked a spirit of cultural atmosphere historically and symbolically. The first two Cotillions were called "Myrtle's" Cotillions.

Even so the project had proved to be such a dynamic event culturally, educationally and financially, that as Mrs. McKenzie retired from office, she recommended to the Board of Directors that CNDA sponsor a Debutante Cotillion annually for deserving young girls of high moral character. The recommendation was with Mrs. McKenzie being named the permanent Consultant-Inaugurator. May 24th '75 CNDA is presenting its 12th Cotillion at the Pick Congress Hotel in the Grest Hall.

Mrs. McKenzie, Organized and brought into the District seven Federated Clubs, The Daintye Matrons, Eva Shepperd Progressive, Chicago Heights, Ill., Les Elegantes, North Side Women's Civic Society, Sattlelite Cultural and Civic, Semper Fidelis Civic, Sojourner Truth Business and Professional Women.

When CNDA was displaced by The Chicago Board of Education from its 4441 So. Drexel Ave, Mrs. McKenzie recommended the beautiful Sweedish Club House on South Ridgeland in South Shore. This property was later purchased by men of color. During her regime, The En Avant Cultural and Civic Club honored her at an elegant Testimonial Luncheon in the pictuesque Marina City Towers Restaurant. The Club received plaudits for an overwhelmingly delightful recognition event. This was the first time a local club affiliate of CNDA had sponsored a function in down town Chicago, and second only to the Golden Anniversary celebration of CNDA held at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel. Miss Vivian Moore and Mrs. Jane Hayes organized an CNDA club five years ago and named it The Myrtle A. McKenzie Self Realization Club in recognition of Mrs. McKenzie's, many years of diversified experiences.

Mrs. McKenzie served as Chairperson for Publicity and also Traffic Safety Chairperson (and special training for same was taken by her at Northwestern University Evanston, Illinois, on a government grant) under the late Dr. Irene McCoy Gaines, National President of National Association of Colored Womens' Clubs 1952-1958. She general Chairperson for the 1st Cotillion sponsored by NACWC 1968 Chicago, Mrs. Mamie B. Reese, President, was Life Membership Chirperson four year, the late Mrs. Myrtle Ollison, President NACWC, she also served as Life Membership Chairperson for Mrs. Jaunita Brown, NACWC President. Mrs. McKenzie is a Life-member in NACWC.

Mrs. McKenzie served four years as Chairperson of the Executive Board of Central Regional Association of Colored Womens' Clubs, also served as assistant Recording Secretary for CRACWC.

In the Illinois Association of Club Women, she has served as Vice President, Chairperson of the Executive Board, Member Board of Directors, Education Chairperson. She is also a Life Member in IACWC.

In non Federated Organizations, Mrs. McKenzie has served as President of Douglas Elementary School PTA, also Wadsworth Elementary School PTA, Moseley Social Adjustment School PTA, and has the distinction of being the first Negro to serve as President of Hyde Park High Schooi PTA. She is a Life Member of the Illinois Congress of Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. McKenzie also served two years as President of the Howard University National Mothers Club, Washington D.C. National President Western University Club, is a Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Cook County Bar Association, also past president Owens-West Associate Consumer League, also Past President Chicago Chapter Oklahoma Club and the 6400 Block Ingleside Ave. Club.

Mrs. McKenzie is a Senior and Intermediate Girl Scout Leader and is founder and former Leader of Troop #20. She served as member of the Board of Directors of the Phylis Wheatley Home, Board of Directors Woodlawn Service Agency. She is a member of the National Council of Negro Women and has served as financial secretary of the Chicago Chapter. She is also a member of the NAACP, Chicago Urban League and The Harriette Harris YWCA.

As a volunteer Mrs. McKenzie, has served with the Chicago Women's Division of the United Negro College Fund, for a number of years, she is Vice Chairperson of Recruitment for Volunteers for The American Red Cross Mid America Chapter and was awarded a 30 year pin three years ago in recognition of 30 years of Volunteer services. She has served as General Chairperson Woodlawn YWCA Membership Drive.

Woodlawn Boys Club, Harriette M. Harris YWCA, Salvation Army, Area Chairperson for the Crusade of Mercy-Cancer Socity, Muscular Dystrophy, Mothers March of Dimes, as area Captain for the Birth Defect Foundation, and received a gold "Key" as one of the Key Women in the Drive and Heart Fund.

Mrs. McKenzie has been cited on numerous occasions for her many outstanding contributions to Civic, Charity, religious and Educational Organizations, and is the recipient of many Plagues, Loving Cups, Trophies, Certificates and Ribbons of Merit Awards.

Mrs. McKenzie, is the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Joe Myrtle Mitchell Astrologer, who resides in Chicago with her son Sydney M. and daughter Kendyl S. and Dr. Lou Bertha McKenzie-Wharton, who resides in West Hartford Conn, with her husband Dr. Richard Gilbert Wharton and son Jonathan Leonidas. She is the widow of the late Attorney Joseph L. McKenzie.

Myrtle A. McKenzie

C E N T R A L D I S T R I C T

To the President, Officers, and Members of Central District Illinois Association
of Club Women: Greeting

As your Historian for this year, I beg to submit the following report.

In 1912 a resolution was offered by Mrs. Violet Newsome of Macomb, Ill. to organize the down state clubs into districts. She stated that through district organizations more effectual work could be accomplished throughout the state and that more women could be reached.

Six years later Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton, then state President, divided the federation into three districts and appointed Mrs. Julia A. Gibson of Peoria President and Mrs. Susie Wallace of Springfield as Secretary of the Central District.

The first session was held in Peoria, Friday March 22, 1918 at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church. Sixteen Central Illinois Clubs were represented at this first session.

There were twenty-seven women present at this first session. It was a one day meeting. The State organizer Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsey Davis gave good advice and instruction to the delegates and Central District was on it's way.

At the second session held in Macomb, the colors of purple and gold were chosen. The motto, "Onward And Upward". Two new officers were added, Chaplain and Organizer. Mrs. Lillian Jameson, State President, presented a gavel to the President, Mrs. Julia Gibson. This gavel was donated by the Women's Auxiliary Club of Canton.

The third session was the first two day session to be held and convened in Canton. The officers of Chairman of the Executive Board and Statistician were added. Mrs. Fannie Summers of Peoria made and presented the first banner to the organization.

At the fifth session held in Galesburg five dollars was donated to each of the following institutions: Kennilview Hospital (Jacksonville) Lincoln Colored Homes and McClain County Home. The office of Editor was added.

The first contribution by the District was made to the Frederick Douglas Home at the sixth session in Monmouth. The Central district became incorporated at the seventh session. On the eighth Mrs. Lena Waters Hall presented Central District with a loving cup to be awarded each year to the club bringing in the largest amount of money to the Scholarship Loan Fund. This session marked the districts first visit as a body, to Lincolns Tomb where a Wreath was placed in the Presidents memory.

The Junior Department was created in Moline. Mrs. Belle Taylor was elected Supervisor. At this time the Constitution was revised. A cup was purchased by Mrs. Virginia Willis to be used by the Ways and Means Department similar to the one used by the Scholarship Loan.

In 1928 an amendment to the Constitution were recommended, that each club be entitled to one delegate for every ten members, and one delegate for each fraction over five members. Vice Chairman of the Executive Board was added to the role of officers.

By 1931 Mrs. Estella Roberts Junior Supervisor recommended that Central District established a camp, where the girls could hold their meetings. Mrs. Florence Fletcher of Galesburg was appointed Camp Supervisor. The camp was established

at Lake Story, Galesburg, Illinois. The name of Central District Federation was changed to Central District Association at the fifteenth session.

In 1932 the meeting was changed to the fourth Thursday and Friday in April. Again in 1936 the dates were changed to the third Thursday and Friday in April. In 1939 under the presidency of Mrs. Hazel Smith, the District dues were increased from .50¢ to \$1.00 per club year.

In 1945 there was transportation problem in Illinois due to World War II. Mrs. Perna Davis, the President, sent letters to all clubs asking for a vote as to whether a meeting should be held in April of that year. The response was that a meeting should not be held.

Mrs. Davis thanked the clubs and asked that reports of their activities on work in their communities such as in religious, red cross and other service organizations be sent along with their assessments to the Secretary.

In 1952 Mrs. Alice Foy presented the District with a traveling achievement trophy to be given to the club making the best reports on their achievements.

In 1954 during Mrs. Alice Foy's administration the education committee was formed, to give a student that qualified, money on a scholarship. Later a trophy was given by Mrs. Foy to the club raising the most money for this effort.

In this same year Mrs. Dora Murrell was unanimously elected Chairman of the Cane Program. Many fine letters of appreciation have been presented to the district, by Mrs. Murrell for the fine work done through contributions both overseas and the U.S.A. It was recommended that a Pioneer Fund be added to the list in 1958 by Mrs. Ruby Edwards of Bloomington, Illinois. She recommended that the expense of pioneer members be paid each year by the district of those attending the meetings.

In 1962 through the efforts of Local Supervisors, past District Supervisors and other interesting members, and achievement trophy was presented to Mrs. Edna Wallace, District Supervisor. The trophy to be presented each year to the girls club sending in the best report to the Adult District meeting.

In 1965 Chairman of the Leadership Training Committee, Mrs. Aline Spencer held a workshop. She was assisted by Mrs. Ruby Edwards and Mrs. Mayme Higgins. Mrs. Edward was State President at that time. Mrs. Higgins was in charge of the meeting.

An Educational trophy was presented to the District in 1967 by Mrs. Parthenia Saunders of Quincy, Illinois. It was to be awarded to the club turning in the most money to the education fund. This money to be given to some eligible student recommended through one of the clubs. During Mrs. Jean Lowry's administration the Martin Luther King trophy was presented to be awarded for something outstanding in the convention each year.

Midyear board meeting began in November, 1958. During these meetings held the first Saturday in November, District problems are discussed and recommendations that are to be acted upon at the following April meeting are drawn up. No definite action is taken in these meetings unless they are considered an emergency.

The beautiful Musical Extravaganza we have each year was planned by the following Vice Presidents of the Illinois State Association of Club Women, Mrs. Carrie Fields, Mrs. Ruby Edwards, Mrs. Bertha Hammons and Mrs. Daisy Brooks. Through the Arts and Craft Chairman have excelled in their Exhibits, Sale of Art Work, and Hot Parade.

Many Chairmans have brought in well informed speakers over the years. The District has endorsed such bills as Anti Lynch, F.E.P.C., and Fair Housing. The District have placed books in the Illinois State Library and have maintained a growing interest in the youth program.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Beatrice Vinson, call letters went out to all clubs, for the Presidents special effort. 1970 dolls were dressed and taken to the Annual meeting, after the judges, judged the best dressed doll from the various clubs. These dolls were given to a home for under privileged children. Phyllis Weathley club of Galesburg was given the award.

In 1971 each club was asked to bring toilet articles and other items that could be used to make up kits to be sent to nursing homes and hospitals.

In 1972 under the leadership of Mrs. Hazel Young, a special efforts committee was appointed. All clubs were asked to cooperate with the committee chairman and contribute \$1.00 per member to the district.

She also asked for a penny March in 1972 and 1973. All club members were asked to save one cent per day, beginning January 1, 1973 to April 19, 1973. This money was to be donated to a monthly negro college.

In 1973 the President Special Effort was a Central District Queens Contest. The crowning of the President who brings in the most money over \$50.00. Mrs. Daisy Brooks is chairman. This contest will end at the 1974 April meeting.

At the 1974 meeting it was voted upon to change our meeting days from Thursdays and Fridays to Saturdays and Sundays in hopes that more club members would attend. The meeting date April 19 & 20 1975 at Bloomington, Illinois.

The nineteenth Annual Musical Extravaganza given by the Central District I.A.C.W. and girls Inc. was held Sunday March 9, 1975 at Union Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois.

The ways and means committee with Mrs. Mary Fergerson as chairperson, presented a finance project of an I.A.C.W. Queen of Roses contest. The contestant reporting the highest amount of money over \$10.00 would be crowned I.A.C.W. Queen of Roses, and receive the 1975 Ways and Means Award.

For the Presidents Special Effort Project. The Chairperson asked each club to sponsor their Secretary in a Queen Contest. The Secretary reporting the highest amount of money will receive a crown and plaque. Mrs. Daisy Brooks Chair.

April 19-20 meeting held in Bloomington, Ill. Civic Womens Club Hostesses. Mrs. Helen Bumby of Quincy, Ill. was elected President. The Beatrice Venson Award Miss Cangeniafity was voted to Mrs. Amanda Odeneal, The Secretary of the year award went to Mrs. Katherine Dean of Civic Womans Clubs. Scholarship Awards were given to four Central District Students, State Presidents from Central District, Mrs. Alice Foy. Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards, Mrs. Daisy Brooks.

Central District Presidents are as follow beginning with 1918:

1918-1920	Mrs. Julia A. Gibson	Peoria
1921-1922	Mrs. Mildred Farrell	Canton
1923-1924	Mrs. Victoria Thomas	Bloomington
1925-1926	Mrs. Margaret Byrd	Springfield
1927-1928	Mrs. Emma C. Peoples	Monmouth

This term was finished by Mrs. Susie Wallace due to Mrs. Mandy's death.

1930-1931	Mrs. Susie Wallace	Springfield
1932-1933	Mrs. Mary Banks	Peoria
1934-1935	Mrs. Anna Vanderburg	Peoria
1936-1937	Mrs. Ruth Shomaker	Quincy
1938-1939	Mrs. Hazel Smith	Springfield
1940-1941	Mrs. Matilda Griffin	Galesburg
1942-1943	Mrs. Stella Roberts	Quincy
1944-1945	Mrs. Perna Davis	Monmouth

No meeting in 1945 because of transportation problems in Illinois

1946-19--	Mrs. Perna Davis	Monmouth
1947-1948	Mrs. Hennietta Ellis	Decatur
1949-1950	Mrs. Eva Solamon	Galesburg
1951-1952	Mrs. Hallie Weldon	Quincy
1953-1954	Mrs. Alice Foy	Moline, State President
1953-1954	Mrs. Dona Murrell	Taylorville
1957-	Mrs. Mable Laner	Moline
1958-1959	Mrs. Daphne Grigsby	Moline
1960-1961	Mrs. Grace Lucas	Peoria
1962-1963	Mrs. Daisy Brooks	Monmouth, State President
1964-1965	Mrs. La Vada Hunter	Bloomington
1966-1967	Mrs. Parthesia Saunders	Quincy
1968-1969	Mrs. Jean Lowery	Rock Island
1970-1971	Mrs. Beatrice Vineon	Springfield
1972-1973	Mrs. Hazel Young	Galesburg
1974-1975	Amanda Odeneal	Decatur
1975-1976	Helen Bumby	Quincy

Respectfully submitted

Past State President

Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards, President of the Civic Woman's Club of Bloomington

Ill. organized in 1901 is a past president of the Illinois Ass'n of Club Women and Girl's. Has served in the National Ass'n of Colored Women's Clubs. As a member of the Board of Directors, Parliamentarian, now serving as the Treasurer, and Vice Chairman of Headquarters.

She is serving Central Ass'n of Club Women, Inc. as Recorder, She is a Life Member of National, Illinois Ass'n of Club Women, and Central Dist. Ass'n of Illinois. She organized the Education-and Leadership Training departments of the Illinois Ass'n of Club Women holding sessions in Chicago, Bloomington, Rock-island. ILL. and State Sessions for eight years, also Central District, I.A.C.W. She Compiled a book on Education and Leadership Training, for Club Women. In 1967-68 she served as General Chairman of the National Convention held in Chicago, ILL in 1968. She has attended the Central District ass'n, where She was crowned the First Queen for Ways and Means for the State of Illinois. She was the Founder of the Gladys Watts Scholarship and Human Relations award program of the Civic Womens Club this year holding the 18th Annual Program. She is a P.G.D. Ruler in the Dgts. of the I.B.P.O. Elks of W. serving as Gd. District of Central Illinois, also a Life Member, A Life Member of the Natl. Council of Negro Women.

Her Community activities have been, President of Bloomington-Normal Church Women of McLean County, and is now representing Her Church, Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church. She has served six years on the Board of Directors of McLean County Y.W.C.A. and is presently serving as President of the Board. A past Chairperson of the Bloomington School of Practical Nursing and still a Member of the Board. A Member of the Auxilliary Board of the Morgan-Washington Home for Girl's. She has been the recipient of Many National, State and Local Awards for Service renderds.

Sher served the Illinois Ass'n of Club Women and Girl's as President, 1964-1966. She received the first Martin Luther King Award from Illinois Central District Ass'n as Club Woman of the Year. Also recognitian and Service awards from The National Ass'n of Colored womans Clubs, Inc.

As State President initiated the Central District Banquet for the Girl's Clubs of I.A.C.N.C. Inc. Initiates the first Presidents luncheon honorary the five Regional Ass'n. Presidents at the 1968, National Convention held in Chicago, Ill. also instrumental in donation \$1000.00 from the State of Illinois for renvation of 1601 R.S.N.W.

A Illinois room in the Chicago Northern District Headquarters worked with Mrs. Daisy Brooks in furnishing an Illinois Room at 5808- 16th St. N.W. Washington, D.C. She initiated Pioneer Fund in Central District Ass'n and was Club Women of the Year at National 1968.

Past State President of Central District

Mrs. Daisy W. Brooks was elected the thirty-sixth president of Illinois Association of Club Women, Girls, Inc. in June 1970. The theme selected was "Action Through Communication". We attended the 75th Anniversary of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. at the Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey July 21-August 1. Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens, President, introduced the president-elect who was Mrs. Brooks. The October board of Director's meeting was held in the Chicago and Northern District Club house with a very good attendance. Several projects was launched such as money being allowed for new furniture for the Illinois Room at the National Headquarters in Washington D.C. Mrs. Ruby Edwards, Mrs. Myrtle McKenzie and the president selected a bedroom suite, pillows, drapes, bedspreads, chairs and lamps, etc. (665.71). The Illinois Room at the Chicago and Northern District headquarters was given a new look with the purchase of chairs, a desk, pole lamp, table lamp and many other articles (\$400.00). The pictures of the past presidents were asked to be hung in this room.

Under our term of office "A Dream of Yesterday Come True" for the Chicago and Northern District, when on September 20, 1970 the Dedication and Mortgage burning Service of their club house was held.

In February, Mrs. Myrtle McKenzie, State Vice-President, sponsored a fine Musical Extravaganza and we made our annual visit to their Board meeting--Mrs. Grace John, president had a splendid meeting.

We were saddened in February with the passing of one of our great past presidents in the person of Mrs. Cairie S. Horton. We attended her funeral.

March 28 the State Vice-President, Mrs. Kathryn P. Dean presented the Illinois Central District Club Women's Musical Extravaganza in Bloomington with the Youth on parade. The president, Mrs. Beatrice Vinson presided at the fifty-third annual session of Illinois Central District Association of Club Women's at Springfield. Mrs. Parthenia Saunder presented a quilt with all Central Districts Club names embroidered on it to the State president to be placed in the Illinois Room.

Mrs. Sarah Stone president of the Southern District, is to be commended on their fifty-fourth Annual Session in Alton. There were thirty girls appearing in the opening session..

We wrote letters to our three representatives and one Senator concerning Senate Bill #55 Implied legislation and received answers from all of them assuring us that they were in favor of the passing of this bill. We are a part of the Commission on Children.

The 72nd Annual Meeting was held on June 12-16 at Alton with the host Club Tri Del Federated, Mrs. Virgie Kelly, president and Miss Irma Jones general chairman. My program book chairman was Mrs. Martha Williams of Peoria. On Saturday, June 12, the Girls Department with their Supervisor Mrs. Mary Rhodes of East Louis held their session. There were fifteen clubs represented with eighty-four girls and sponsors present and a well planned program was enjoyed.

A Gift and Certificate of Merit of Service was presented to eight past State Presidents at the presidents' luncheon. The State gave five Scholarships

of \$200.00 each to worthy students--amounting to \$1,000.00 and over the state by various clubs \$2000.00.

Our Drama chairman, Mrs. Mamie Davis of Southern District presented the Organization of the National Association. The Chaplain Mrs. Lucille Hamilton presented all Districts and the Illinois Room with Bibles.

The Illinois president received the crown for the largest amount of money turned in for the Ways and Means Department and also the trophy. Mrs. Reba Hill a past State president and chairman of the award committee presented Mrs. Brooks with the Mother of the Year trophy.

We were saddened by the loss of our National President, Mrs. Myrtle Allison of Washington D.C.

The Seventy-third session was held June 17-21, 1972 at the La Salle Hotel. The Girls had attendance of one hundred and ten girls and supervisors and the young adults had a very nice program.

The National President, Mrs. Juanita Brown of Washington D.C. attended our session. The Adult body presented the girls' department with a banner.

Such is the Dream was presented by the Drama Department.

A traveling camp Fund trophy was named for Mrs. Carrie S. Harton and to be presented to the club bringing in the most money over ten dollars. Each District is to receive one hundred dollars to send two children to camp.

Mrs. Ruby Edwards, Leadership Training Chairman, conducted a well planned workshop with forty (40) people attending.

Mrs. Jean Lowry is united in marriage to Mr. LaVan Lowry and is the mother of two girls, Diana and Debbie Lowry that has three children; Michael Scott Bryon which she is the proud grandmother of three.

She is a native of Moline, Illinois. After graduating from Moline Public School, she attended Burlington College, Spellman University, Blackhawk College, St. Augustine for courses in Special education and A & C Business College for courses in Secretarial work.

Jean is a member of Olivette Baptist Church and serves as Auditor Finance Chairman on the board of Diaconess. She has also been a member of Central Dist. Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls, Inc; for over 20 years. Served in many area of I.A.C.W. of District State. Such as Chairman of A.L. Anderson Scholarship committee Ways and Means Committee, Alice Foy Educational fund Courtesy Committee, Auditing of State and Central District Membership Chairman; Chairman of Girls Dept. Counselor for Central Dist. Mother Home and Child Legislation and many other official offices of the I.A.C.W.

Jean is also Past State Vice President of I.A.C.W. and presently holding the office of Secretary for I.A.C.W. Just a short time ago she was given the Jean Lowry Martin Luther King trophy for outstanding woman of the year at Central District of I.A.C.W.. Recieved a plaque for the Distributial Education Career orientation of Cooperative Work training, Co ordinator of D V R for Black Hawk school for the handicapped children.

Donated the American Flag to Central District of I.A.C.W. State Chairman of Young Adults and National Association (under leadership of Irene McCoy Gaines "Past National President") and Mrs. Fannie Carter, "Past State President" and has become the first Chairman appointed to this office.

Among the various of office Positions Jean has held---Been Past President of Central District Chairman of Executive Board member of Past President Council, Past President of the Y.W.C.A. (girls Dept.) and served on Board of Director of "Y"; Past President of American Legion Auxiliary Post #482 in Davenport, Iowa. Member of Moline Civic Womens Club as Past President and member of Agnes Moody Club, Monmouth, Illinois. Jean is now employed at Black Hawk School for Training Mental Handicapped Children in Rock Island.

President of Central District

Mrs. Luvada Hunter, Central District Ass'n, Bloomington, Illinois.

I joined Domestic Art Club in 1937. Mrs. D.S. Thomas was President. I worked with the club for several years doing charity work in the community as much as I could for I was raising a family and could not attend all the meetings at this

time. As time passed on, included in the Domestic Art Club's program was parliamentary procedure, governed by Robert's Rules of Order. In the late forties, I was sent as a delegate to the District meetings and also the State meetings.

I have been elected President several times of the Domestic Art Club. I was elected President in 1950 to 1951. The Domestic Art Club continued its charity work throughout the community. Our projects were donating money to the Twin City Recreation Center of Bloomington, 318 So. Main Street. Giving baskets of groceries to needy families. Sending cards to the sick and also sending flowers to bereaved families. We continued to have different programs and our dinners to help meet our club's obligations to the District and State Association.

I was elected President in 1950-1951. The Domestic Art Club and the Colored Women's and Emily Wilson Girls Club was hostess to the 52nd Annual Session, June 17 to June 20, 1951. The Association meeting was held at the Unitarian Church, 209 N. East Street, Bloomington. The I.A.C.G.'s assembled at the Twin City Recreation Center, 318 South Main Street, Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. Etta W. Jackson, S. D. of Carbondale, Illinois was President. This was a great session.

In 1957 and 1958, I was elected President of Domestic Art Club again. Our motto was Lifting As We Climb. We continued to work hard in the community, letting them know more about affiliations with our District and State and our obligations. We worked toward raising money for the Hallie Quinn Brown Scholarship Fund, State Musical Extravaganze, Ways and Means, Fredrick Douglas, A. L. Anderson Memorial and also our National Headquarters.

Our meetings were held on Friday of each week. Every third Friday we had Literary Day, inviting our friends to the program. We had programs on Good Friday each year at Wayman A.M.E. Church, 804 North Center Street, Bloomington. Mrs. Ruth Riley, who is now deceased, was the chairman. We had our annual chicken dinner in June of each year, and sold Katherine Beich candy, rummage sale and bazaar in November. The ladies made many articles to be sold. The money taken in this year enabled us to do our charity work in the community. This was a year of many bereavements among negroes in which our club donated money to the families. We helped a mother to help her son by donating \$25.00 to her. September 27, 1958, we donated \$25.00 to Miller Park Restoration program in Bloomington, Illinois. We also contributed to the N.A.A.C.P. and National Headquarters \$10.00. We made place cards for the Brokaw Hospital, St. Joseph and Menonite Hospitals for Thanksgiving that year. We held our Christmas party and annual Valentine Tea. The club sent me to State Convention held in Bloomington that year and the mid-year Board of Central District as delegate to Moline, Illinois.

The Domestic Art Club honored me by giving me a book of my club activities and my work in the community. The title - A Year With Our President. During these times I was working in Central District and my State Association.

By 1966 we had organized our Scholarship Fund to help students going to college or nurses training. Miss Linda Bell of Bloomington, Illinois was the first to received \$100.00 scholarship to go to Illinois State Normal University.

In 1967 and 1968 I was elected President of Domestic Art Club of Bloomington, Ill. again. We continued to carry on the charity and community work. In June of 1967, we had our Domestic Art Club's Second Annual Scholarship Tea to build up the Fund. In 1968, we had our Third Annual Scholarship Tea on Sunday, July 7, at the Illinois House in Bloomington, Illinois. Miss Denise Kennedy received \$100.00 scholarship, as she was going to Illinois State University the fall of

that year. We had given Miss Marcia Allen a scholarship and she was at this Tea to thank Domestic Art Club for their donation to her for she was graduating September 8, 1968, from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Practical Nursing.

As I worked with the club we did a lot of hard work with the other presidents who were elected in Domestic Art Club. I have served as president twice since 1968.

My work in Central District. I am a life member of Central District Illinois Association. I made my life membership April 27-28, 1950. As I worked on different committees for some time in the District I became an elected officer. I was elected Supervisor of Girls, Women In Industry, Scholarship Loan Chairman, Health and Hygiene Chairman. As the years passed on I was Leadership Training Chairman in 1958 and 1959 at the Forty First Annual Session, Central District, Mrs. Daphne A. Grigsby, President.

I have also served on Arts and Crafts Committee of Central District, Revision of By Laws.

In 1958 and 1959 I had been elected as Vice-president of the State Illinois Association of Club Women and Club Girls from Central District. I was responsible for representing Central District with a Musical Extravaganza. One of the programs was held at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Lee & Oakland Streets in Bloomington, Illinois on Sunday afternoon November 9, 1958, and the second Musical Extravaganza was held at the Third Christian Church, 301 South Western Avenue, November 22, 1959 at 3:00 p.m. Much talent was performed and many District and State Representatives was present. These were rewarding years. Mrs. Alice Foy of Rock Island, Illinois was State President of the I.A.C.W. and Colored Girls by this time.

By 1961, I was Second Vice-President in Central District I.A.C.W. & Colored Girls where I was chairman of the Pioneer Fund. This was the Forty-Third Annual Session, meeting at Second Baptist Church, 305 South Cherry, Galesburg, Illinois, April 20 - 21, 1961, held at Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church, 804 North Center Street, Bloomington, Illinois. Hostess Club - The Domestic Art Club, which I am a member and was President of the club at that time.

Mrs. Daisy Brooks of Monmouth, Illinois was President. Mrs. Brooks served the District until April, 1963.

Mrs. Luvada Hunter was elected President of Central District Illinois Association of Club Women, Inc. in April of 1963. I served the District for two years - 1963-1965. My Theme for the two years was "Creating the Challenge For Change". My first mid-year Board meeting was held Saturday, November 2, 1963 at Third Christian Church, 301 South Western Avenue, Bloomington, Illinois, making plans for our April session in 1964.

The Forty-Six Annual Session was held in Decatur, Illinois April 16 - 17, 1964 at the new Antioch Baptist Church. Women's Progressive Club hostess.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session was held in Moline, Illinois April 17 & 18, 1965 at Zion Baptist Church. The Civic Club of Moline was hostess. During my two years as President was to build up the Central District treasure. So we set up an Emergency Fund where all clubs was taxed \$3.00 each year along with their other obligations. Another project was a donation of \$100.00 to the National Headquarters in Washington to help on a refurbish project of the Club House. We also donated \$50.00 each year to the N.A.A.C.P. Also as a student applied for a scholarship from Central District and met the necessary requirements, the District donated from \$75.00 to \$200.00 to at least three students each year.

The money sent to the University where they attended. These two years we had an outstanding Courtesy Committee headed by Mrs. Ethel Murray of Bloomington, Illinois and members of Civic Women's Club and her committee presented a Souvenir Directory which contained names of past Presidents, Pioneer members, Central District Representatives in the Illinois Association of Club Women, Central Regional Representatives and also National representatives. Also included was the history of the organization of Central District on March 22, 1918. Every Club and their members and the offices they held was included in this book.

Mrs. Edna Wallace of Monmouth, Illinois, Supervisor of Girls did a wonderful job with the Girls Club. They held workshops each fall of the year and appeared on the District's program, enjoyed by everyone on the first evening of the District's meeting.

A Leadership Training Workshop during my Presidency of Central District. Mrs. Ruby Edwards of Bloomington, Illinois was Chairman. She held them each year and done an excellent job. Many women from the District attended. My many years in Central District was rewarding.

MY STATE ACTIVITIES IN THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF CLUB WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC. was over a great many years. I attended the State Meetings regularly.

During the Fifty-Second Annual Session of the Illinois Association of Colored Women and Illinois Association of Colored Girls, held in Bloomington, Illinois Jun 17 - 20, 1951 at the Unitarian Church, 209 North East Street, Hostess Clubs Colored Women's and Domestic Art Club and Emily Wilson Girls Club of Bloomington, Illinois, I served on the Fine Arts Committee with Mrs. Elsie Duckworth, Chairman.

In 1955, the Illinois Association of Club Women held its Fifty-Six Annual Session of Illinois Association of Club Girls at St. Lukes A.M.E. Church, 13th and Broadway, East St. Louis, Illinois, June 12 - 15. I was serving on the Scholarship Board a two year term being elected in 1954 to 1956. Mrs. Ada Lum Walton, Southern District, President.

In 1956 the Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of Illinois Association of Club Women & Club Girls met June 17 - 19th at Metropolitan Community Church, 41st Street and South Park, Chicago, Illinois, Hostess Club - Darcus Art and Charity. I was elected Second Assistant Secretary for two years; 1956 - 1957, Mrs. Ella Mitchell, Northern District, President. This was Northern District's Golden Anniversary year.

In 1958, Luvada Hunter was elected Vice-President from Central District of the Illinois Association of Club Women and Club Girls to serve two years, 1958-1959. Mrs. Alice Foy, President from Moline, Illinois, Central District. I also served on the Special Drive Committee with Mrs. Catherine Johnson, Chairman, Northern District. As Vice-President from my Central District, I was responsible for to raise money for the State Association by having a Musical Extravaganza Program for the two years. The programs brought in over \$300.00 for those two years.

In 1962 & 1963 I served as Women In Industry Chairman and on the Board of Directors for a one year term. I also served on the Drama Department under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ruth Steel, Chicago, Illinois, Northern District. Mrs. Minnie A. Lee was President of Chicago, Northern District.

In 1965 and 1966 I was elected as Statistition of Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls. Mrs. Ruby Edwards of Bloomington, Illinois, Central District, was President. These were the Sixty-Six and Sixty-Seventh Annual Session. Bloomington, Illinois Convention held in campus of I. S. University of Chicago, Il.

At the Illinois Association of Club Women and Club Girls Inc. Sixty-Eighth Annual Session which met from June 17th to 21st, 1967, Stadium Motor Hotel, 5th & Broadway, East St. Louis, Illinois, Mrs. Reba Hill was State President. I had much of a surprise bestowed upon me by Mrs. Hill. During her presidency was gave a Club Woman of the Year trophy for her outstanding volunteer work she had done in her club work, the work done in her community, recommended by her Local Club. My club which is Domestic Art wrote my recommendation. I was chosen by the judges, The 1967 Club Woman of the Year.

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Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Daisy Fair of Alton, Illinois, Southern District, was President for these two years. During the two years I brought in 22 life memberships at \$10.00 per member; and four new clubs at \$2.50 each to join the State Association I.A.C.W. Inc.

I remained on the Arts and Crafts Committee. Mrs. Lillian G. Johnson was Chairman for these two years during Mrs. Fair's Presidency.

I am Life Member of the Illinois Association of Club Women and Club Girls. Over these period of years I have attended two Central Region Conventions. One in DeMoines, Iowa and one in Bloomington, Illinois. I have attended three National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., one in Denver, Colorado.

In 1968 I attended the Thirty-Sixth Biennial Convention of National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. August 3 - 10th, at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. National President was Mrs. Mamie Bynes Reese of Georgia. Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards Gen. Chairman.

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In April of 1974, I was awarded the Beatrice Vinson Award, voted by my District, Mrs. Congeniality; Central District I.A.C.W. Inc. This was a joyful time of my life. Mrs. Amanda Odeneal of Decatur, Illinois, President. This meeting also took place in Decatur, Illinois that year.

Central District

Springfield Colored Woman's Club

The Springfield Colored Woman's Club was organized in August 30, 1899 at the St. Pauls A.M.E. Church, then located at 7th and Mason Sts. The Sponsor and organizer was the Late Mrs. J.W. Patton, she was President of the Springfield Woman's Club. The Meeting was responded by 76 local Women upon the call of Mrs. Julia Duncan the Mother of the famous World War I here the late Col. Otis B. Duncan, to join in the formation of a club devoted to Mission and general Charity and Community service.

The Clubs first project was to assist with the development and maintenance of the Lincoln Colored Old Folks Home and Orphans which was then an enfant organization only recently extablished by its Founder The Late Mrs. Eva Monore.

From that date to the present the Springfield Colored Woman's Club has never faltered in its Program of working for Charity and the good for all Mankind the Springfield Colored Woman's Club has for many years aided the needy and still sponsoring the Annual Christmas fruit Baskets for the Elderly, shutins and 'needy. Also the Club is still giving their Annual Christmas Party for the low-income families Children of the Community. Each Child receiving a gift. For many years the Club sponsored a Girl's Club under the Late Mrs. Alice Martin, who has served the District as Chaplain for Many years, a Past Club, President, and Treasure . The Girls Club received many honors, The Club has been able to

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The Club has four active Departments, each planning their own programs, For years the Mother Home & Child Dept, has honored several outstanding Mothers of the Community, The Club has continued their annual Tea and Banquet. In its Many Years, the Club Has Not stood still, There has been active members holding offices in the District and the State Ass'ns, Regional and National.

One of our Vice Presidents The Late Mrs. Alice Martin was honored by the I.A.C. W.C. Inc. for being the oldest acting Vice President, The Club Has Four Active Past Presidents, Mrs. Mattie Stafford, Mrs. Temple Pleasant, Mrs. Gladys Snowgen, Mrs. Bernice Reed, The newly elected President Mrs. Dora Murrell has served as a past President of the Central District Ass'n. Who was also a recipient of the State of Illinois Foster Mother of the year with Her Husband Mr. Wordie Murrell as Foster parents.

Civic Woman's Club
Bloomington, ILL.

The Civic Woman's Club, formerly known as the "Colored Woman's Club" was organized in 1901, for the purpose of bringing the negro Women of the Community together to stimulate a greater interest in Civic and Social Contact. The Club as it stands today has continued to carry out the Program as given to them by their Charter members. The Late Emily Smith was the First organizer and President. Mrs. Victoria Thomas served as President of Central District in 1922, Mrs. Emma Smith served as Vice-President to the State in 1904. Mrs. Margerat Wyche served the State as organizer and Third Vice-President. Mrs. Melinda Smith served the State as Chaplain in 1921-22. The Club has served as Hostess to the Illinois Ass'n of Club Women for State, Central District as Ass'n and Central Regional Ass'n Convention. We were happy to have had three National Presidents present, Mrs. Ella P. Stewart, Mrs. Irene Mc. Gaines and Mrs. Dr. Rosa L. Gregg, during their terms of Office. We were the first Black group to hold a Convention on the grounds of the Illinois State University holding two State session there.

In 1957 the Gladys Watts Scholarship Awards and Human relation Awards program was first held. We have given many Noted Black and White Persons situation for their work in Human Relations, as of 1975 we will have given to Students graduation from Bloomington High School to enter Illinois State University over \$3200.00.

In 1970-71 on the opening of Sunnyside Center we furnished Curtains, and a Clock, and Kitchen utensils for their Kitchen, each year we donate to the United way, Heart Fund, Members to the N.A.A.C.P. Easter and Christmas Seals. We have aided three Students registered in the Bloomington School of Practical nursing. Each year we remember our Senior Citizens and the Sick. We hold an Xmas Party for Members and Friends in the form of a Dinner Party with gifts for all and exchange gifts for Members, We hold as our Closing Meetin and annual Birthday Party for Members with gifts.

Members serving the Illinois State Ass'n have been, Mrs. Kathryn Dean, Mrs. Martha Williams, as Vice Presidents from Central District also Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards who has served as President of the Illinois State Ass'n Mrs. Dorothy Stewart a Member is Vice Executive Director of the Bloomington Housing Authority, Our present Membership is, Mrs. R.A. Edwards, President, Mrs. Kathern Dean, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Milderd Baptiste, Vice President, Mrs. Effie Spears,

Chaplain, Mrs. Jeanette Baptiste, Teacher, Mrs. Agusta Boykin, Mrs. Betty Davis, Mrs. Gloria Thomas, Mrs. Evelyn Huston, Mrs. Hattie Moore, Mrs. Elizabeth Wheatley, Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, Mrs. Kathryn Dean was the recipient of the Secretary of the year award at the Central District Ass'n Meeting Held in Bloomington, Ill. 1975. Mrs. Martha Williams serving as Chairman of the I.A.C.W. Program book, 1975, and Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards, Chairman of the I.A.C.W.C. History.

The Civic Woman's Club has received the Central District Scholarship award Cup, the Central District Achievement Cup.

AGNES MOODY CLUB

This club was organized June 1903 in Monmouth, Illinois by Mrs. Eva Monroe who insisted that it be named to honor Mrs. Agnes Moody.

Mrs. Agnes Berry Moody was born a slave in 1842 in Maryland. When she was ten years old her father took the entire family of eighteen and ran away to Canada. Mrs. Moody came to Chicago during the early years of the Civil War and soon became a religious and civic leader in her Community. She became Chicago's "Aunt Jemima" and was famous for her corn flour bakery goods and was sent to represent the United States in Paris, France exposition of 1900 and won the Gold Metal award and the nickname of "Aunt Jemima".

In 1901 Mrs. Moody was elected Vice-Président of the Federation and attended the National Association of Colored Women Convention in Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. Moody died April 9, 1903 in her home at 4758 South Dearvorn Street. In 1910 the Illinois Federation of Colored Women Club placed a marker on her grave in the Oakwood cemetery. The chartered members of the Agnes Moody Club were: Mrs. Sarah Floyd, the first president; Mrs. Lavinia May, first Secretary; Madames: Anna C. Wallace, Etta Simms, Mary N. Brown, Annie Walson, Susie Allen, Sarah Niel, Sarah Wood, Daisy Lash Mason, Mary Neil, Ella Groff, Gertrude Payne, Mrs. Catlin, Harriet Skinner, Mrs. Louis Dover, Nerandia Floyd, Violet Newsome, and Maria Stokes. The club met the first and third Thursdays of each month.

August 16-19, 1910 the Agnes Moody Club entertained the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Club. The sixth annual meeting of Central District with Mrs. Julia A. Gibson of Peoria, Illinois presiding.

Agnes Moody members serving as Central District Officers were: in 1926 Mrs. Emma C. Peoples, President; 1945 Mrs. Perna Davis, President, who was also a District charter member, Arts and Crafts chairman, Mrs. Lillie M. Abel; Mrs. Myrtle South as Chaplain and on the memorial committee.

Other faithful members were: Madames Alice Diggs, Valintenia Wallace, Cora Birditt, Jessie Webb, Emma Coleman, Ella Taylor, Hattie Pulley, Susie Ferguson, Susie McWilliams, Minnie Elgie Wallace, Minnie Lias Wallace and Eva Johnson.

In 1961, Mrs. Edna Wallace served as Central District Supervisor of Girl's clubs. In 1961, the club celebrated their 58th Anniversary year. May 1967 the club honored the District President; Mrs. Perna Davis. This was the 64th Anniversary year, 1968 the Club sponsored a city wide bake sale for the purchase of a Portalift to be used at the Warren County Nursing Home.

June 1969 was our 66th Anniversary year and we had for our Guest Speaker the Central District President, Mrs. Beatrice Vinson.

The Club donates to the Heart fund, multiple sclerosis, Y.M.C.A., Red Cross and Achievement School, Cards to sick and shutins, flowers to sick members, prepare and serve dinner to bereaved families. We make fruit baskets.

We have had one member serve as State President, Mrs. Ella Groff. Mrs. Alice Pulley is the new President. And our past President, Mrs. Daisy Brooks of the Agnes Moody Club has served Ass'n State President of Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls.

Phyllis Wheatley of Galesburg, Ill.

On June 25, 1911, the club was organized choosing its name because of that fine woman's achievements despite many obstacles. The club has opportunity to do charitable work in the community to assist in civic activities to work for better understanding in the community. An outstanding accomplishments 1949-50 was providing the family of one of the club members whose home was destroyed by fire, with clothing and provided donors for the blood bank, sent cards containing money to fifteen shut-ins baskets of food, canned goods to the kindergarten and the holding of reception for the graduates. Membership 27.

Glaze Allen	Myrtle Duckworth	Anna McGill
Vera Benjamin	Frances Ethridge	Dorthella Moss
Mildred Bruentine	Marguerite Fleming	Gertrude Robinson
Dorothy Brown	Dora Henderson	Susan Rodgers
Irene Carter	Verna Humphries	Eva Solomon
Edna Crawford	Catherine Lewis	Alice Wheeler
Vivian Cropp	Anna B. Little	Willa Bell Williams
Lula Crummer	Blanche Matthews	Anna May Williams
Ruth Davis	Lucile Matthews	Hazel Young

Mrs. Hazel Young served as President of Central District.

Club History Big Sisters Club

The Big Sisters Club was organized in 1913 in Decatur, Illinois with ten charter members. The Club adopted "Lifting as we climb" as its Motto and chose the colors green and white; green for life and growth and white for purity and unity. The members decided and agreed that their objective for coming together was for Charity to dependent women and children and social uplift.

Negro women coming to Decatur from the south needed help in adjusting to the customs and traditions of the community. These women often needed advice and encouragement in getting familiar with the school system, Churches, and other social problems. Sometimes financial aid was badly needed. The Big Sisters became known and sought out for their generous acts of kindness and charity.

During World War I and between 1920 and 1930, many young women, restless because of broken homes, arrived in Decatur penniless. Some became involved with the law officials because of their conduct. The Big Sisters Club proved to be the Big Sisters these women needed. The Big Sisters Club provided money, Transportation, and shelter for some of these women, until they could contact their families.

The Big Sisters Club grew and in a few years the club limited its membership to 25 women. During its early years the Big Sisters purchased a home in the North part of the City and rented this dwelling to the low income families and destitute people.

The operation of this home and the plans for a permanent home for dependent children was largely credited to Mrs. Lillian E. Jamerson, who was the wife of a A.M.E. Minister. Later following Mrs. Jamerson's death the home was named for her.

Social life for the Club members was encouraged. Each year the club held a May Breakfast, this was an outstanding social function for the Negro women in the latter part of World War I and in the early twenties. During the presidency of Mrs. Bernice Wheatley the May Breakfast was changed to the Breakfast in Hollywood and it is celebrated each year.

A life membership was taken by the Club in the Macon County Hospital during its drive for the expansion program in the early forties. When St. Marys Hospital began its city wide drive for funds for the new Hospital on Lakeshore Drive in Decatur, Illinois, The Big Sisters contributed \$100.00. The women of the Big Sisters Club are alert to the health needs of the Community. The Club encouraged the licensed practical nurse program through the approved school in Decatur with a contribution of \$50.00, which was given directly to the scholarship loan

fund. The Big Sisters has consistently participated in the Decatur and Macon County Tuberculosis surveys, which are made periodically. Contributions are made annually to the Cancer Society. The County Tuberculosis and Visiting Nurse Association, and the Red Cross. Past Presidents now living are Anne Rogan, Rosa Hood, Sylviaene Travie, Gladys Gordon, Christine Hood is now holding the office of President.

Mrs. Heneritta Ellis, past president of the Illinois Central District of Club Women Incorporated, was a member of the Big Sisters and she wrote the history of the Big Sisters Club, which was later compiled into book form by Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis.

In 1964 Big Sisters Club - Contributed \$100.00 to Y.W.C.A. Building Fund. Contribution are made annually to the N.A.A.C.P. Heart Fund and Salvation Army. The Big Sisters have bought Membership for boys in the Y.M.C.A. Have rented school books for students. The Big Sisters sponsor the Jr. Auxiliary The Little Sisters. The Little Sisters has a membership of 13. They are having their first style Show and Patron Tea April 17, 1966. The Big Sisters Asst. Secretary send 313 Sick Cards and 83 Sympathy Cards from April 15, 1965 to March 30, 1966. This brief history has not done justice to the many deeds performed by The Big Sisters Club of Decatur, Illinois.

Christine Hoods, President
Nellie Watkins, Secretary
Rosa Hood, Historian

DOMESTIC ART CLUB - Bloomington, Illinois

The Domestic Art Club of Bloomington, Ill., was organized December 6, 1915 by Mrs. Margaret Wyche with a membership of eighteen women who had been impressed with the necessity of such an organization as a means of individual and community service.

The first officers chosen to serve the club were: Mrs. Malinda Smith, President; Mrs. Margaret Wyche, Vice-president; Mrs. Mollie Wright, Secretary; Mrs. Lula Caldwell, Treasurer.

Two of the members have been taken by death, and the present membership is forty-eight resolute and active women working to the motto: "Loyalty to Women and Justice to Children".

The club came to a community of many earnest and capable women, who through lack of organization, found it impossible to reach their highest efficiency. It's organization has meant concerted aim and the end of duplicated effort.

It has been shown that this club is one of the infant organizations of its kind in the state, yet it stood the acid test of war time community service in such a satisfactory manner as to endear itself to the community at large without respect to race or creed.

In connection with this service, the club maintained one of the most creditable booths at the Red Cross sale with all the articles therein donated by its members.

The club is a member of the community council with Mrs. Margaret Wyche as delegate and Mrs. John R. Ford, alternate. During and since the war the white people of the city have made no move for relief or betterment among the colored people without consultation with these representatives of the Domestic Art Club.

The club has brought a better understanding and more hearty co-operation between

the races; it has opened doors that had previously been closed. The following incident is significant, - on many previous occasions members of our group had sought in vain the privilege of using the high school auditorium for entertainment purposes, but the members of this club through Mrs. Wyche, their community council delegate, made application to the superintendent of city schools in 1918 to use the auditorium of the high school for the purpose of giving a ~~musical~~ entertainment in which professional artists would appear. The superintendent, Mr. Jake Stapleton not only allowed them to use the building without charging a rental, but had a proper committee to communicate with the federal authorities resulting in the war tax being remitted.

The co-operation of the white ladies civic league has been notable. In the early days of the organization these ladies organized a class of domestic science at the day nursery and furnished a teacher for the special benefit of the Domestic Art Club. This class was maintained for a period of two years proved a blessing to the women who availed themselves of its privileges.

The delight of this club is to do for others. It raises about two hundred and fifty dollars per annum for charitable purposes and has been happy to furnish relief at home and abroad, having even assisted the unfortunate members of our group who were victims of the recent atrocities in Arkansas.

This club has contributed useful help to the state work in the person of Mrs. Margaret Wyche, who has been one of the vice-presidents of the State Federation and at the present time is chairman of the Monrovia Mission Fund.

Mrs. Malinda Smith was president from 1916 to 1917 and Mrs. Margaret Wyche served as president from 1918 to 1920. In 1921, Mrs. Alberta Fields was elected President of Domestic Art Club and Mrs. Clara Grigsby, Secretary. Mrs. Fields said there is much to labor and great reward in prospect.

This club is now one of the few associated with State and National Federation.

As time passed on the Domestic Art Club kept its charity work in full support of the needy throughout this community.

Domestic Art Club was the first to win the Lena Waters Hall Scholarship trophy of Central District Illinois Association of Club Women. This large trophy cup was won by the club first in 1925, 1926, 1928 and 1945. In 1945 Mrs. Cornelius Chocklate was Scholarship Chairman of Domestic Art Club and Mrs. Denie S. Thomas was President.

As some of our pioneer members passed on and new members came into the club, we continued to carry on the charity work in our community. Our last charter member, Mrs. Clara Grigsby Anson died March 7, 1969. In more recent years several women have served as Domestic Art Club President. Naming a few was Mrs. Clara Anson, Mrs. Luvada Hunter, Mrs. Minnie Kirksey, Mrs. Lucille McGee, Mrs. Anna Clark, Mrs. Flora McCleandon, Mrs. Harriette Allen and Mrs. Catherine Poole.

The present members of Domestic Art Club in 1975 are:

Mrs. Catherine Poole, President
Mrs. Betty Tripp, Secretary
Mrs. Matilda Calcote, Chaplain

Mrs. Ella Stokes
Mrs. Anna Clark
Mrs. Cora Smith

Mrs. Beulah Kennedy, Vice-President
Mrs. Lucille McGee, Treasurer
Mrs. Luvada Hunter, Chairman Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Ethel Jones
Mrs. Iola Bowden
Mrs. Ruth White, Honorary Member

Central District Ill. Association
of Colored Women
Motto: Onward & Upward
Organized 1918

Mrs. Eva Solomon, President, Galesburg, Ill., she is a charter member 1948-1950, of womens progressive club, an organizer of Phyllis Wheatley Club of Galesburg, Ill. in 1911 officers elected

Mrs. Hallie Weldon
First vice president
Mrs. Alice Foy
Second vice president
Mrs. Dora Murrell
Third vice president
Mrs. Lina Henry
Secretary
Mrs. Pearl Wallace
Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Emma C. Peoples
Treasurer
Mrs. Mable Lanier
Executive Board Chr.
Mrs. Edythe Birditt
Vice Chairman Ex-Board

Mrs. Lucile Harmon
Historian
Mrs. Tina B. Crider
Chaplain
Mrs. Maude Robeson
Parliamentarian
Mrs. Ethel Schurlock
Organizer & Register
Mrs. Mattie Wells
Scholarship Loan Chr.
Mrs. Goldie Pickett
Ways & Means Chr.
Mrs. Ruth Davis
Supervisor of girls
Mrs. Mildred O'Bryant
Editress

Women's Progressive Club was organized November 15, 1924, with Mrs. Alberta Fields serving as our first President. Our colors for the club were white and gold, and the white carnation was chosen for our flower. Our membership is 25.

The purpose of the club is charity and helping deserving students to further their education. The one thing we have done for the past 58 years, is to entertain the Senior Citizens at Thanksgiving. This activity has increased in number from 36 guests to 200. We have four members who have over forty years of club work.

Mrs. Rebecca Winston
Mrs. Annette Bond

Mrs. Louella Dansby
Mrs. McClerkin

We have had three District Presidents, Mrs. Anna Vanderburg, Mrs. Henrietta Ellis, and Mrs. Amanda Odeneal.

We are still trying to lift as we climb.

Mrs. Emily Conley, Pres.
Mrs. Geraldine Fonville, Secty.

Womens Progressive Club
Decatur, Ill.

The Women's Progressive Club was organized November 15, 1924. Their motto being "Not going as we please, but pleasing as we go." The club takes interest in the students of Decatur and presents gifts to all high school and College graduates. Each year a dinner is given for the old people of the community. Membership 23. Bessie Anderson - president.

Elizabeth Blue
Arnetta Bond
Ella Boyd

Luella Dansby
Henrietta Ellis, Past Dist. Pres.
Carrie Fields

Clarice Gladney, Sect.
Zoe Glass
Jane Rose Goins

Lelah Goins
Eva Hawkins
Gussie Hicks
Edith Lawrence
Ruth Owens

Beatrice Parker
Georgia Frierson
Emogene Sanders
Oleta Stovall

Anna Vanderburg
Charlotte Waller
Rebecca Winston
Florence Young

Mary McLeod Bethune Club
Monmouth, Ill.

Organized June 8, 1945 in honor of Mrs. Bethune one of our great Negro Women of today. The motto: "Lifting as we climb" and we are trying to help our fellow-man, as we climb up in every way that we know how. The clubs objective is charity. At Christmas fruit and candy is given to the shut-ins, also gifts to those that are bedfast. Donations to the Cookman's College founded by Mrs. Bethune. Graduation cards with money are sent to all Negro graduates. Also cards are sent to anyone that is sick and gifts to bedfast patients on their birthday.

Membership 14 Jean Kelley - President
Edythe Birdett Perna Davis
Elizabeth Brooks Sect. Groff Finamore
Daisy Brook Minnie Lovelace
 Margurite Mitchell

Marie Peoples
Emma Peoples
Wylma Pulley
Francis Wallace
Harriett Wallace
Esther Williams

We have had two District Presidents, Mrs. Perna Davis deceased and Mrs. Daisy Brooks now serving as club President. She has served as District President and State President and State and District Supervisor of Girls.

Phyllis Wheatley Club
Quincy, Ill.

On April 1-1927 the club was organized by Mrs. Mildred Manley, Lizzett Offett and Estella Roberts. The club was named for Phyllis Wheatley the poet. The motto: "Lifting as we climb". The purpose of the club is to aid in raising to the highest plane, the home life, morals, religious and economic welfare of the Negro race. Phyllis Wheatley of Quincy is affiliated with the District and the State and have members who have held and are holding State offices. Mrs. Estella Roberts now of St. Louis is a State president and Miss Gladys Mae Watts the present President. The club has a very fine program and has provided clothing and purchased a typewriter for a student, furnished hose and gym shoes for needy children, furnished milk for nursery school, helped worthy students complete their education, donated to social center hot lunch program, made cash donations to shut-ins during the Christmas season. The club holds the annual fashion show for the community.

Membership- 15 Zella Mae Snapp, President
Alberta Ball Alice Johnson
Emogene Douglas Virginia Lewis
Juanita Butler Thelma LaFoe
Ruth Grimmett Hilda Parson
Thelma Hammond Estella Roberts

Rose Walker
Gladys Mae Watts
Catherine Sanders, Sect.
Edith Weldon

Martha K. Major Club
Quincy, Ill.

On October 12-1934 the late Mrs. Florence Cook a life member of Central District

I.A.C.W. organized the club in memory of the late Mrs. Martha K. Major, she was the organizer of the first Mothers Club in Quincy that resulted in the starting of the first Day Nursery, she was one of founders of the Social Center and Chairman of the executive board of central District I.A.C.W. - 1931-1932. Mrs. Major was president of Monday Art Club for 8 years. She was Quincy's first colored Matron, her one aim in life was to give of herself to others and be of service to mankind. The motto: is "Lifting as we climb".

Outstanding activities are sponsoring the cooking class for Negro Youth issuing allowances to several children who would otherwise have no spending money, sponsoring one girl to summer camp and supporting such philanthropies as Community chest, N.A.A.C.P. and Red Cross. The club is affiliated with the state and national association of Colored Women.

Membership 12. Lucile Harmon- president

Anna Buckner	John I. Major	Ellen Smith
Nellie Duncan	Bertha Redmon	Della Taylor
Luella Ferguson Sect.	Juanita Rudd	Willyne Thomason
Leona Harris	Earlene Saunders	

Fannie G. Monday Club
Quincy, Ill.

The club was organized in 1918. The ladies forming the organization chose to honor the late Mrs. Fannie G. Monday by using her name as the club name. Mrs. Monday was a very active woman in the community always presenting new ideas. She was effective as her knowledge was augmented by experience through travel here and abroad and she had much to offer. Notable of the club work is the shut-in dinner given each year at Christmas time. Last year 32 bags of fruit and candy were sent to needy families and Valentine Day a party was given in the Honor of State President Miss Gladys Watts

Membership 11 Virginia Norton- president

Tina Crider	Lillie Mae Watson
Ida Mae Hammond	Margaret Whitaker
Mary Irwin	Esther Williams
Minnie Johnson	Hazel Williams
Sallie Readeng	Mary Wilson

"Ladies Standard Riviera Club"
Quincy, Ill.

The club was organized in 1921 with the late Mrs. Della Gordon as organizer. The name was chosen as the ladies planned the club as a literary club, their motto is "I came, I saw, I conquered", Through the medium of the club the ladies hoped for intellectual upbuilding and advancement. The club offers help to their fellow men through charities and educational programs. The club has supported such philanthropies as the chest fund, Red Cross and the Negro Advancement Association. The club sends Christmas Cheer to the aged and shut-ins.

Membership 13 Parthenia Saunders President

Jennie Buckner	Mary Tate
Juanita Iles	Mayme Vaughn
Sophie Johnson	Clara Vondorn
Minnie Lea	Hallie Weldon
Birdie Mosby Sect.	
Willia Petty	
Cecile Robinson	

Mary Church Terrell Club
Springfield, Ill.

The club was organized on January 13-1955 at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Vinson. After voting that an organization be formed the body of women present decided on the idea that the membership would include persons interested in this type of civic club work, especially those unable to attend meetings in the day time.

The following club names were submitted at the next meeting held at the home of Mrs. Juanita Tyler-Semper Fidelis, Mary McLeod Bethune, Mary Church Terrell and Daisy Lampkin. The name Mary Church Terrell was chosen and how happy we are to carry the name of one of our founders and the first National president. At this meeting committee Chairman was named and the additional officers elected.

Ass't. Secretary - Mrs. Bessie Woods

Chaplain - Mrs. Vivian Coleman

Parliamentarian- Mrs. Cleotha Sebluter Smith

Chairman of Executive Board- Mrs. Mildred O'Bryant

Our first public effort was Coffee Hour given by Scholarship Loan committee, held at the American Legion Home and proved such a success that is an annual affair. Mrs. Mildred O'Bryant was Chairman.

Time will not permit us to list all the events that followed. Annual affair is our Mother & Daughter Banquet, giving gifts of money to students and flowers to the oldest and youngest, and the Mother having the most children. The Educational Department has an Annual Tea to help students. As well as our Annual Bake Sales. Bazaar given by Arts & Crafts department. We follow the District program as sent to us. Also we help in District, State & National as we are informed of their needs.

Serving as presidents have been, Mrs. Carrie Fields, Mrs. Beatrice Vinson, Miss Bertha Hammons, Mrs. Bessie Woods, Mrs. Vera Murrell, Mrs. Viola Longmire and newly elected president Mrs. Clesta Smith each have served two years.

Charter members:

Vivian Coleman

Carrie Fields

Midge Nash

Mildred O'Bryant

Juanita Tyler

Beatrice Vinson

Juanita Walker

Marie Hammons

Clesta Smith

Lena McPike

Viola Longmire

Dorothy Watson

Ethel Higgins

We are one because we have the same purpose of developing higher standards of life in our nation, State and local community; we are one having become large in thought, word and deed; we are one because we are taking time for all things, never being hasty in judgement. We have become straight forward knowing "It is No Secret what God Can do". We are one as we encourage more clubs to be organized among our women and our young knowing the greater strength in our program the greater the union we must combine our arts and skills. But above all we are one because we have not forgot to be kind to our fellowwomen regardless of race, color or creed. We sing loudly the words of the Immortal James Weldon Johnson; God of our weary years; God of our silent tears.

Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way

Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light

Keep us forever in the path we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places our God where we met thee

Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee

Shadowed beneath thy hand,

May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our Native Land.
Mrs. Beatrice Vinson has served as President of Central District. Miss Bertha
Hammon, Supervisor of Girls Central District. Mrs. Beatrice Vinson is now
serving as Vice President to the S.A.C.W. from Central District.

S O U T H E R N D I S T R I C T

History of the Southern District Federation

Many years ago, the State President, the late Mrs. C.L. Hamilton, much like the late Dr. Martin Luther King, had a vision. Her vision that there would be a closer contact with the women in order to have a greater State Federation.

Mrs. Hamilton was the State President from 1816 through 1918. Following her vision, the club women of the Southern District met in Duquoin, Ill. On May 19-1918 at the A.M.E. Church for the purpose of organizing what was known as "The Southern Illinois District Federation of Colored Women."

The following women were present in this organization; Mesdames A.L. Anderson, Florence Fields, Maude Lovings, Emma Thompson, Hannah Woods, Pearl Powell, Anna Owens, Ethel Reddick, Anna Dorsey and Miss Hattie English.

Mrs. Lillian Jamison, then the State Organizer was present to perfect the organization.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed by the State President, Mrs. C.L. Hamilton. She was quite proud as her vision had realized.

Mrs. A.L. Anderson was elected President and Mrs. Maud Lovings was elected Secretary. This ended the first and second session of the Southern District.

The second session was held in Murphysboro.

The third session was held in Carbondale at the A M E Church. Mrs. Anderson is again elected President and Mrs. Ruth Griffith was elected Secretary.

Mrs. Etta Jackson of Carbondale read an interesting paper on "Suffrage." Miss Daisy Renfro having been previously elected delegate to the State Meeting gave an excellent report.

The names of officers were brought in by the Nominating Committee, They were Mrs. O.B. Thompson of Carbondale, President, Mrs. Alice Beaty, Cairo, Vice Miss Daisy Renfro, Carbondale, Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. L. Spann, Mounds, Cor. Sec'y Mrs. Maude Lovings, Murphysboro, Treasurer and Mrs. C. L. Hamilton, Mounds, Organizer.

The Southern District is now growing. The following clubs were represented at this meeting; Mary B. Talbert, Cairo, Parent-Teacher, Mounds, Hallie Q. Brown, DuQuoin, Community Club, Carbondale, Richard Allen, Elkville-Charity Club, St. John-Mother's Club, DuQuoin,-Mary Church Terrell, Cairo-Golden Seal, Murphysboro-Benevolent Workers, Marion-Violet Thimble, East St. Louis-Home Study, East St. Louis-Silver Leaf, Mound City-Art and Study, Lovejoy. Sumner Parent Teachers, Cairo-Yates Women's Club (New) Cairo-Sojourner Truth, Carbondale.

The fourth meeting was held in Cairo, Ill. in Ward's Chapel A.M.E. Church. Mrs. A. Beaty and Miss Daisy Renfrom were the presiding officers, Mrs. Beaty President and Miss Renfro Secretary.

The following officers were elected at this meeting: Mrs. Alice Beaty, Pres. Cairo-Vice Pres. Mrs. Etta Jackson, Carbondale, Sec. Vice Pres. Mrs. Pearl

Powell, Murphysboro-Third Vice, Mrs. Ruth Griffith, Marion-Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. Daisy Renfro, Carbondale-Asst. Sec'y Mrs. Willie Mae Martin, Cairo-Cor. Sec'y. Mrs. L. Spann, Mounds-Treas. Mrs. L. Bolden, Mound City-Chaplain,-Asst. Chaplain, Mrs. Ethel Reddick, Duquoin-Organizer, Mrs. C.L. Hamilton, Mounds-Parliamentarian, Mrs. A.B. Dorsey, Lovejoy-Chairman of Ways and Means, Mrs. Hannah Wooda, Carbondale.

The fifth meeting was held in Marion. Due to the illness of the Pres. Mrs. Beaty, the Vice Pres. Mrs. Etta Jackson presided. Seventeen clubs responded at the roll call and four new clubs were added.

At this meeting the following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. Anna Dorsey 1st Vice, Mrs. Etta Jackson, 2nd Vice Pres. Mrs. Pearl Powell. Murphysboro 3rd Vice Pres. Mrs. Ruth Griffin, Marion, -4th Vice Pres. Mrs. Alice Payne, Cairo Rec. Sec'y Mrs. Hannah Woods, Carbondale-Asst. Sec'y Mrs. Lula Kennison, Mounds Cor. Sec'y Mrs. Ann Lyde Baxter, DuQuoin-Treas. Mrs. Lulu Bolen, Mound City-Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Burton, Sparts-Asst. Chaplain, Mrs. Ella Thompson, Elkville-Organizer, Mrs. A.L. Anderson, DuQuoin, Ill., Parliamentarian, Mrs. Lena Huggins, Historian, Mrs. C.L. Hamilton, Mounds-Chrm of Ways and Means, Miss Daisy Renfro Carbondale-Chrm. of Music Miss Vivian Clarkson-Mrs. Etta Jackson was appointed Chairman of the Program Committee.

The sixth session was held in Sparta. The President was Mrs. Anna B. Dorsey. Pres. and Mrs. Hanna Woods was Sec'y.

At this meeting \$13.50 was voted for the State assessment. At the close of this meeting the following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. Etta Jackson, Carbon-dale-1st Vice Lena Hughes, Harrisburg-2nd Vice Mrs. Cora Hughes, East St. Louis-3rd Vice Mrs. Arzalia Summers, Cairo-4th Vice, Mrs. Ruth Griffin Marion-Rec. Sec'y Mrs. Ann Lyde Baxter, DuQuoin-Asst. Rec. Sec'y Mrs. Mary Campbell, Mound City-Cor. Sec'y Mrs. Lottie Leach, Cairo-Treas. Mrs. Ethel Reddick, DuQuoin-Chaplain, Mrs. N. Morgan, Murphysboro-Asst. Chaplain, Mrs. Fanny Lamberger, Colp-Dist. Organizer, Mrs. Daisy Sykes, Colp-Parliamentarian, Mrs. Annette Officer, East St. Louis-Chairman of Ways and Means, Mrs. Buford, Sparta Chairman of Music, Mrs. Vivian Hayes, Carbondale-Historian, Mrs. A.B. Dorsey. The State Pres. Mrs. E.T. Steward was invited to hold the election. A motion was prevailed that the rules be suspended and the entire slate be elected by acclamation. The Sec'y cast one deciding vote and the officers were declared elected.

Some of the resolutions made and carried out at this meeting; We recommend that the clubs representing, send names of delegates, dues and other finance to the Cor. Sec'y seven days preceding the Annual Meeting. 2. We recommend that the clubs make a special effort for the Student Scholarship Loan Fund, and send the same to Mrs. C.L. Hamilton.

Some resolutions:

1. Whereas, the question often arise, "What benefit are clubs to us?" Be it resolved that we strive more earnestly to keep our work before the public". A.B. Dorsey.
2. Whereas the teaching of Race History neglected in our public schools, be it resolved that the local clubs endeavor to have some form of race history put into the hands of our youth. A.B. Dorsey.
3. Whereas, many of the women of the Southern District are Public School Teachers, and the month of May is a very busy one for them be it resolved that the Annual Session be held the third Saturday in April.
These recommendations and resolutions were passed.
The eighth session was held in Metropolis at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church. Mrs. Etta Jackson, the President, presided. This was in 1925.

The officers elected at this session were as follows: Pres. Mrs. Etta Jackson, Carbondale-Vice Pres. Mrs. Daisy Sykes, Colp-Sec. Vice, Mrs. Daisy Weaver, DuQuoin 3rd Vice, Mrs. Bessie Cork, Metropolis-4th Vice, Mrs. Mary Hobson, Lovejoy Rec. Sec'y Mrs. A.L. Baxter, DuQuoin-Asst. Sec'y Mrs. Mary Campbell, Mound City Cor. Sec'y Mrs. Vernice Moore, Mounds-Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Reddick, DuQuoin Chaplain, Mrs. N. Morgan, Murphysboro-Asst. Chaplain, Mrs. Mattie Bledsoe, Cairo Chairman of Ways and Means, Mrs. Fannie Webster, Harrisburg-Chairman of Music, Mrs. Vivian Hayes, Carbondale, District Organizer, Mrs. Izora Rodgers, Metropolis Historian, Mrs. A.B. Dorsey, Lovejoy-Chairman of District Scholarship Fund, Mrs. Della Payne, West Madison.

Recommendations:

1. We recommend that the retiring Secretary record all minutes, and turn books over to the newly Secretary within 30 days after the close of the meeting. (Approved)
- We recommend that a list of the newly elected officers be sent to the President by the Rec. Sec'y as soon as the books are available. (Approved)
3. We recommend that a separate Junior Dept. be established in each club. (Not approved)
4. We recommend that a Citizenship Dept. be established in each club. (Approved)

An invitation was accepted to meet with the West Madison Club the last Saturday in April 1926.

Greetings by letter was read. This greeting was from the Chicago and Northern District.

Resolutions:

Whereas, Mr. A.E. Malone and his excellent wife, have stamped approval upon the ability of the race, and have proven themselves benefactors of the same.

Be it resolved that the Southern District Federation go on record as endorsing Mr. Malone for the Registrar of Treasury, and that the Cor. Sec'y be empowered to write to Mr. Calvin Coolidge, the U.S. President, giving the endorsement of more than 400 women of Southern Illinois.

2. Resolved that we dignify our political activity at the polls and on the streets, organize citizenship study classes and endeavor to better understand the legislative problems, especially those effecting women and children.
3. Resolved, that we urge the individual clubs of the Federation to appoint a political chairman that they might receive instruction and become active in the politics of their several communities, with a view of bringing about better conditions.
4. Resolved, that we assist the victims of the storm area of Murphysboro in some way.

It was moved by Mrs. A.L. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. V. Moore that the resolutions be adopted as read. The motion was carried. In the Annual Meeting held in Colp, Ill on April 30, 1927, Mrs. Daisy Sykes, President: it was recommended that the "Daisy Metal Contest" be kept in the Junior Girl's Department.

It was also recommended that the District Minutes be printed every two years.

In the Meeting held in Alton, Ill. April 27-1930. Mrs. Bessie Cork was Pres. It was recommended that Friday evening proceeding the Annual Meeting be given over to the Junior and Young Women's Clubs for their activities.

In the meeting held in Metropolis April 25, 1931, Mrs. Cora Hughes, President, the sustenance was increased from .50 to \$1.00.

The word Federation was removed from the name of the District and replaced with the word Association. The District is now known as "Southern Illinois District

Association of Colored Women."

In the meeting held in Carbondale April 26-1935, Mrs. Hannah Woods, President a resolution was adopted to increase the Ways and Means contribution from .50 to \$1.00

Before Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Alice Charlton served as President. Mrs. Charlton served 1933-1934. She was from Madison, Ill. and was the 9th President who served in the Southern District.

Mrs. A.L. Anderson was the founder of the "Scholarship Loan."

Past Presidents of which we have no record are:

Mesdames Emma Thompson, Alice Beatty, Bessie Cork, Annia Dorsey, Cora Hughes, Alice Charlton, Hannah Woods, and Luaco Gladden.

Mrs. Love Renfro served as president in 1939. During this session Mrs. McFall, one of the members made a presentation of hollyhock seed to the club presidents.

It was unique because of its history. They were said to have been brought here by a Negro girl who was a slave and who was later sold to a Cherokee Indian who crossed the river in 1938 at Jonesboro, Ill. and here again she was sold. After having sold for the second time she planted the seed. She died here in the home of the people to whom she was sold, the Harrisons, and was buried there.

This was the 22nd Annual Session of the clubs of the Southern District, and was held in Metropolis, Ill.

The 23rd session was held in Alton. Mrs. Francis Malone was president. She served in 1940. During her term of office a District "Queen Contest" was sponsored. The proceed was to help defray the expense of the club who won to go to the State meeting. The surplus amount was to be left to begin a Scholarship Loan Fund in the Junior department.

Mrs. Viola Garret served in 26th Annual session that was held in Harrisburg, Ill.

The 27th session was held in Meuphysboro. Mrs. Garret was the president. In her annual message she urged that the clubs go record against all forms of discrimination.

Mrs. Mildred D. Sherrod was elected President at this meeting. The next meeting was held in Colp, Ill. On April 28th 1945. It was the 28th Annual session.

The president recommended that \$25.00 be given on the National Club House. The recommendation was accepted.

The District gave this amount on the furniture.

Mrs. Lottie Killion served in 1947-48. The 1948 session was held in Lovejoy. Two girls were sent to camp and the "Mother's Day Tea was recommended to honor the pioneer mothers of the community in which they lived.

1949-1950 Mrs. Ada Lum was the president. The 1949 meeting was held in East St. Louis.

Miss Gladys Watts, the State President was present. She brought a message from the National President, Mrs. Ella P. Stewart asking that each state raise \$100.00 to help the National because their funds have been depleted. The 1959 meeting was held in Alton.

The State President, Miss Gladys Watts was at this meeting.

She gave an inspiring message. The subject was: "Lord help me to be a sport in this little game of life."

Mrs. Walton in her address stated "We must endeavor to preserve the American way of life. There must be a free creative and co-operative democracy. We must defend with all our strength, the right for freedom and everything it embraces.

The 36th session was held in Edwardsville, Ill. at the Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Church in 1953. Miss Belle Claybrook was the president. In this session a letter was authorized to be sent to the Governor, William Stratton, urging him to consider passage of a bill for equal job opportunity for all people regardless of race creed or color.

Miss Claybrook served 1953-1954.

The 38th and 39th session was held in Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Wthel Lewis was president. In her address, she stressed the great need of love for our fellowman. She also stated that purpose brings power and power comes with faith. Miss Helen Mason served in the fortieth session held in Carbondale April 27-1957-1958.

Mrs. Ella Mitchell, the State was present. She was introduced and gave remarks. She stated that the Southern District had more girls represented at the State Meeting than any other District, the 1958 session was held in East St. Louis. The State President was present at this meeting. She stated that we have nothing better or stronger to fight our battles than the association of Club Women and the N.A.A.C.P.

The 42nd Annual Session was held in DuQuoin April 24th 1959.

Mrs. Julia Quomm was the president. She praised the women for their great contribution to the world despite the handicaps.

We met in Sparta in 1960 with the president, Mrs. Julia Quonn presiding. Mrs. Margaret Green was elected at this meeting. November 5-1950 the Executive Board met in Duquoin. Mrs. Margaret Green, the president presided.

Four topics were discussed.

1. Effective way to reactivate clubs which are not functuating.
2. Ways and means to help our Juniors and Young Adults in bringing about a closer relationship.
3. Ways and means to organize or invite other clubs to join both the District and the State.
4. Ways and Mean to replenish the treasure in order that we be able to give financial assistance where needed.

The regular session was held in Alton on April 28-29-1961 at Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church

The next session was held in DuQuoin. Mrs. Margaret Green was the President.

The 1962 session was held in Madison on April 27th 1962 with Mrs. Reba Hill, president. The next session was held in Mt. Vernon with the president, Mrs. Reba Hill Presiding. This meeting was held on April 26-27-1963, and was the 45th session was held in Metropolis on April 1964. Mrs. Hill was the president. Her address "Moral and Spiritual Rearmament". She stressed these points: 1. Honesty 2. Unselfishness 3. Purity 4. Love.

The Nov. Board meeting met in DuQuoin Nov. 7-1964. Mrs. Helen Peters, Pres. The gift from Mrs. Rosa L. Gragg was given to the Music Chairman Mrs. Phillips by Mrs. Fannie Brown.

The president suggested a "Tag Day." Two thirds of the finance would go to the District and the other third remain in the local treasure.

The 47th session was held in East St. Louis on April 23-24-1965. Her message "Success Through United Action."

The 49th session was held in Centralia at the Lincoln School.

Mrs. Lucile Moore was elected president at this meeting.

The Executive Board met in DuQuoin on Nov. 5-1966.

The regular session met in Mt. Vernon on April 28-1967.

The 50th session of the District met at Smith Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church.

The next session was held Carbondale on April 25-26-1969 with the president Mrs. Ruth Donlow presiding.

The president suggested a financial project: "Traveling Basket" 15 clubs reported \$145.00.

Mrs. Donlow presiding 1969-1970.

Mrs. Sarah Stone was elected at this meeting. This meeting was held on April 24-1971. She served 1971-72.

Under Mrs. Sarah Stone's term of office we had a souvenir book.

Mrs. Clara Floyd was the next President.

Mrs. Floyd was followed by Mrs. Frieda Phillips, is our present president. For a number of years we sponsored a "Daisy Medal and an Orational Contest" This program was introduced by the Late Mrs. Daisy Sykes.

Mrs. Sykes was an ardent worker and worked untireling in this program.

The Young people were very interested in the skits and preformed lovely. They were given their subjects and had to work out the performance. They were all original,

We also sponsored a Music Contest. This was originated by Mrs. Hannah Woods. This too created much interest.

This concludes my history of the Southern District. Much has been omitted, yet room nor time will not permit me to write it in detail.

(Mrs.) Mildred D. Sherrod

History of Clubs Continued

Mildred D. Sherrod Federated Club

The Mildred D. Sherrod Federated Club was organized in Mt. Vernon, Ill. on April 1-1945 by Mrs. Mildred D. Sherrod of East St. Louis who was then Pres. of the Southern District I.A.C.W.

Mrs. Viola Johnson was elected the first President.

The club has maintained an average membership of 20 members. It is dedicated to active service in Civic affairs and all outstanding community projects. In 1947 special recognition was given to the club for launching a drive, in which \$1000 was raised and contributed to the building fund of the "Good Samaritan Hospital of Mt. Vernon. In 1965 we assisted in a drive to assist the Y.M.C.A. and the Youth Center.

In September 1958, the club elected Mrs. Maggie Armstrong as Supervisor of a Girl's Club. She organized the Mildred D. Sherrod Jewels. Miss Bella Claybrook of Centralia, the District Supervisor of Girls assisted her.

Miss Jeanne Wright was chosen to be the first president of the Girls' Club. Past Presidents of the Mildred D. Sherrod Club are;

Mrs. Viola Johnson(deceased), Harriet Pierce(deceased) Rosa Sydes, Laverne Powell, Ruth Wright, Maggie Armstrong(deceased), Celeste Vann, Odessa Hall, and Nettie Lee Porter.

Etta Jackson Women's Club

This club is located in Metropolis, Ill. and the History was given by Mrs. Johnnie Martin.

It was organized by Miss Izora Rodgers September 18-1925. It was named for Mrs. Etta Jackson who was at that time District President.

Mrs. Laura Long, who is now deceased was the first president.

The club has had 14 presidents. Some serving more than one term. They are as follows: Eva Young Crossland, Julia McCane Quonn, Mary Lou Fossie, Mable Burke(deceased), Mae Roberts Phillips, Beatrice Palmer, Ruth Donlow, Adelaide Robinson Pauline Huff Welch, Johnnie, Martin, Carrie Mae Howard, Carrie New-some, and Volene Jefferson.

Their motto "Lifting as we Climb". Colors; green and gold Flower: Forget-me-not.

There is a membership of 26. The club gives annually to the Red Cross, Cancer Fund, the Heart Fund and presented a large american Flag to the Massac County Memorial Hospital. We also help worthy boys and girls who desire to enter college.

Civic Charity

This club is located in East St. Louis.

There was one woman, who being community oriented, felt compassion on people who were in the need of aid. She had a vision of service. She envisioned a club of young matrons of the city having as their objective "Rendering Aid." This farsighted woman was Mrs. Annie J. Hoover, who has now deceased.

This club was organized in 1924, on April 4th.

This club was organized with approximately 8 women. In 1925 it became federated. The charter members are: Mesdames Annie J. Hoover, the organizer, Annette Officer Pres. Addie Allen Vice Pres. Duffie Green, Sec'y, Esteila Stevenson Asst Sec'y, Claudia Barbour Treas..other Charter Members were.

During Mrs. Officers' Term of office and that of each succeeding president many needy and worthwhile services were rendered to as many deserving families and individuals as they knew of and could reach.

Today, 50 years later this fine unforgettable Club Woman's dream has been realized in hundreds of little known and rarely publicized ways.

The club is a contributor to the N.A.A.C.P., United Fund, Muscular Dystrophy, and other welfare causes.

The club has supplies curtains and sheets to St. Mary's Hospital and also supplied them with cheer packages, as well as to the Fletcher Ann Center. The present officers and members are: Pres. Mrs. Mary Stowe, Vice Pres. Mrs. Gretta Scott, Sec'y Mrs. Onetia Floyd, Treas. Mrs. Mary Saverson, Other members; Mesdames Addie Allen, Claudia Barber, Sarah Stone, Reba Hill, Gracie Little, Lillie Hunter, Lula Patton, Roberta Aycox, Freddie Williams, Ann Prowell, Elizabeth Anderson, Rosie Green, and Ophelia Williams.

Artisanz Club

In the summer of 1959 Mrs. Donnie P. Moore went on a vacation to visit her sister. While there, she was invited to attend an integrated Conference on Juvenile Rehabilitation in a newly built and equipped edifice. The play room for the youngsters had been furnished by a group of club women, who were devoting their time to helping the less fortunate.

Mrs. Moore was so impressed with the idea that she talked with Mrs. Bessie Matthews and with her assistance, a group of ladies met and organized the "Club Artisanz." This was done on Sept. 19- 1959.

The Charter members were: Mesdames Donnie P. Moore, Bessie Matthews, Velma Whittaker, Loraine Finley, Greunette Coates, Nettie Coker, Stella Gaddis, Amelia Liddell, Ernestine Gillespie, Gertha Woods, Misses Mary L. Reynolds, and Adelia Calhoun.

Their objective was to use leisure time to create projects for worthwhile use. The name Artisanz was suggested by Mrs. Amelia Liddell.

An appeal came to the club from a handicapped young man, Mr. Willard Parnell, a nephew of Mrs. Matthews. He was interested in receiving information or instruction about job opportunities so that he could help himself, as well as others to become useful citizens.

They did much charity work in the community.

The Past Presidents have been: Mrs. Donnie B. Moore, Miss Adelaine Calhoun, Mrs. Amelia Liddell and Miss Evelyn Berry.

Miss Evelyn Berry is now serving her second term.

The Official Stall is as follows: Mrs. Bessie Matthews, Vice President, Mrs. G. Coates, Sec'y, Mrs. Nettie Coker, Treas., Mrs. J. Jennings, Reporter and Mrs. A. Liddell Chaplain.

We have learned that only by serving others can we serve our Creator.

Variette Cultural

This is an East St. Louis Club organized in 1964 by Mrs. Reba Hill. Mrs. Ruby Hudson, President.

Merry Hearts

This club is in Alton, Ill. Organized in 1925. Mrs. Rose Lee Nance, President.

Madison Progressive in Madison, Ill. President, Mrs. Altharine Sands, President.

Carpe Diem Club

Mrs. Ruth Bennett, the wife of the pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church located in DuQuoin, Ill. conceived the idea of organizing the women together in order to do a more effective work in the community developing it in cultural and a closer relationship.

The women having agreed with her, invited Miss Happie Q. Brown, the State Organizer to come and organize them.

They met in the home of Mrs. Matilda Bolden for the organization. Thirty six women attended. Officers elected were the following: Mrs. Ruth Bennett, President, Mrs. Cornelia Holmes, Vice, Mrs. Marah Winston, 2nd Vice, Mrs. Lucy Barkley, Sec'y, Mrs. Emma Tate and Mrs. Minerva Bates Cor. Secretaries, Mrs. Frances Hunter, Treasurer, Mrs. Matilda Bolden, Mrs. Penny Treadurer, By-Law Committee, Mrs. Ida Moore, Miss Helen White, Mrs. Lora Hogan, Ex. Board, Mrs. Tolitha Thomas, Mrs. Bell Smith, Mrs. Nancy Perry, Mrs. Cekia Randall and Mrs. Jessie Milton, Courtesy Com. Mrs. Elizabeth Barnett and Mrs. Myrtle Stewart Program Chairman---Committee, Mrs. Dovia Person, Mrs. Rosetta Froner, and Mrs. Jessie Vessel, Parliamentarian, Mrs. Ruth Bennett,

Committee appointed to name the Club, Mrs. A.L. Anderson, Mrs. Larkie Person and Mrs. Lula McLemore.

The name chosen was the "Hallie Q. Brown Club"

The meetings were to meet once a week on Saturday afternoon, but was later changed to Thursday afternoon.

The name Carp Diem was brought in by Mrs. Mamie Owens. The name means: "To Serve the Present Day."

At one of the State Meetings, Miss Brown did not remember organizing the club, so the members decided to change the name from the "Hallie Q. Brown Club" to the "Carpe Diem".

Mrs. Anderson was the originator of the Scholarship Loan in 1921. Mrs. A.L. Baxter was the one who suggested purchasing the "A.L. Anderson" for a "Club House".

The mortgage was burned July 9-1961.

Mrs. Helen Peters, a member of our club is the District President. She was President 1964-1966.

We have a list of 25 Past Presidents. 7 are living and 18 has passed, Club colors, pink and green. Club motto; Improve to present day.

Meetins the 2nd and 4th Fridays in each month at the A.L. Anderson Home.

The Portrait of Mrs. Anderson was unveiled at the mortgage burning.

Mrs. Daisy Barnett, President

Mrs. Fannie Brown, Secretary.

C.W.I. Club

This club is located in Centralia, Ill. and was organized in the home of Mrs. Brock in 1908.

Mrs. Brock was the first President. Members present were: Mesdames Fergurson, Annie Valson, Laura Leak, Martha Bibb, Mrs. Calaway and Mrs. Breck. Mrs. Minnie Mitchell is the president.

Community Club

This club is located in Metropolis, Ill.

It was organized in 1925. Mrs. Mary Lee Thomas is the President.

Child Welfare

This club is located in Centralia, Ill. and was organized in 1932. Mrs. A. Norwood is the president.

Tri Del Federated

This club is in Alton, Ill. Mrs. Carolyn Scott is the President.

Women of Essence

This club is in East St. Louis. It was organized by Mrs. Mary Rhodes in 1972. Mrs. Johnnie Mae Pendleton is the President.

La Servio

This club is in East St. Louis and was organized by Mrs. Reba Hill. Its President is Mrs. Shirley Huddleston, President.

Ladies' Aid Society in Alton, Ill. organized 1899 as a church group. It became a federated club in 1963. Mrs. C. Davidson is the President.

Centerville Service

This club is in East St. Louis and was organized by Mrs. Reba Hill. Mrs. Evelyn Springfield is the President.

Violet Thimble

This club is in East St. Louis and was organized in 1916 with 10 members. The late Mrs. Mary Cheers was the first President. One charter member, Mrs. Helen Jackson still attends the meetings. Mrs. Lottie Teer, who is now deceased was a member for more than 40 years. She was one of our most dedicated and inspirational members. She has served as 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents of the District.

Mrs. Mary Fergurson is the current President. Under her leadership an outreach

program was launched to recruit young women to take membership to insure the continued growth of the club. The membership now totals twenty-six(26)members. Violet Thimble also sponsors a "Girl's Club" (Violet Thimble Juniors), Mrs. Clotie Summers, Supervisor. The late Mrs. Luaco Gladden was a charter member. She was also a past District and State President prior to her death in 1968.

HISTORY OF COUNCIL OF CLUBS

Council of Clubs was organized in March, 1927. The idea was given by the East St. Louis Clubs after they had entertained the State in 1926 and the neighboring clubs had cooperated so fully. All clubs in nearby towns were invited to meet and organize what would be known as a council. Mrs. Annette Officer contacted the clubs, and in March 1927 the meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Gladden. Mrs. Gladden was elected Pres., Mrs. Maud Haynes, Sec. who passed away and Mrs. Alice Charlton filled her unexpired term. Roll of Clubs was: Woman's Club, Alton, Wednesday Social, East St. Louis, G.O.P. Club, Alton; Woman's Club, Lovejoy; Old Folks Home, East St. Louis; Progressive Club, Madison; Woman's Club, Edwardsville, Merry Heart, Alton; Civic Charity, Violet Thimble, Wistaria, Home Study, Phyllis Wheatley, all of East St. Louis; Community chorus and Ethel McCracklin Cleaves, Alton.

It was decided to meet on the 1st Sat. of each month in the member cities. Racial problems, child Welfare, health, the press as regards being named disrespectfully, charity parent responsibility, and Negro History were the main objectives.

Junior clubs were to be organized Feb. 1930- Mrs. S.B. Jones, Ada Lum and Maybelle Wade as supervisors. Some projects accomplished by Council members: 1, Bylaws, Hoard Chr. letters concerning discrimination to agencies meeting with Mrs. Bethune, National Pres. at Mrs. Gladden's, Children's clinic at Edwardsville, Alton Charity, Negro History program at Madison, Edwardsville recreational centre, Class in practical nursing at Lovejoy, Madison Health movement, Bus travel, Mrs. Miller, Help for Adolph Turner, a young writer, play by Mrs. L. Graves and Lowrey of Alton, and letter urging commendation of Minnie Mitchell, Mrs. Gladden conferred as Pres. Emeritir, 37 Scholarships by Madison club sponsoring underprivileged children on school lunch program named Negro-

Housing Project, V.J.H. at Madison, Annual Debutante Tea, Alton High Y's, "This is your Life Program" for Mrs. L. Gladden and Mrs. Ada Lum Walton at East St. Louis, Mrs. Stone, Pres., Honorarium for Mrs. Ethel Lewis at Alton, Ill. and others. First Breakfast, June 28-30 L.H.S. First Annual Sermon, Apr. 27-30 at East St. Louis. Many noted speakers have attended our meetings; Mrs. Bethune, N.P. Mrs. Arsania Williams, Mrs. Sallie Steward, N.P., Laverne Summers, Anna Dorsey, State Pres. Lucille Turner, Mr. Purnell, Minnie Scott Maize, of Canada, Mr. Debow, Prof. Windom, Mrs. Edward Green, Mayor of Lovejoy, Miss Ina McFadden, Dr. and many others. Mrs. Lee from Monrovia, Africa was a recent lecturer.

Mrs. Etta W. Jackson
President I A C W and I A C G
1950 - 1952

Mrs. Etta W. Jackson, of Carbondale, Ill., is an ardent worker and leader in civic, educational, fraternal, religious and club activities.

She is a graduate of Southern Ill. Junior Teachers College now Southern Ill. University. Mrs. Jackson is a former school teacher in Southern Ill. but at present a business woman in Carbondale.

She was the 27th. President, '50-'52 of I A C W & G, having served on the N A C W C Girls' Board and also a Past Nat'l Parliamentarian '60-'62 of N A C W C. During her administration the theme was "Measuring Up", club women all over the state accepted the challenge.

The Objectives were:-

1. To Strengthen the organization through greater participation in local, State and National projects as related to the Major Departments of I A C W & G.
2. Revitalization of Illinois Association Of Girls.

The Achievements were:-

- 5 Scholarship Loans given.
- II Reinstituted or New Clubs added to the State.
- 6 New Girl's clubs joined the State.
- 1407 Financial members.

First Workshop organized in I A C W with the Major Departments functioning, coordinated by State and National Government personalities.

C & N D A Club House mortgage of \$45000 burned.

The Central and Southern Districts were also making many contributions that strengthened I A C W C & G.

Mrs. Jackson has been affiliated with the Association since 1918.

She is an active member of Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Carbondale.

Etta Waddell Jackson born in Evansville, Indiana the daughter of John and Sallie Waddell.

My higher education was obtained at the Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Ill., having graduated from the Teacher's College in 1930. I taught in the schools in the counties of Pulaski, Williamson, and Jackson.

Past President of IACW and G serving 1951 and 1952

Past Supervisor of The Girls Department

Past Parliamentarian of NACW and G

Member of Carbondale Community Club and Past Pres. of the same

Member of The Olivet Free Will Baptist Church and a Sunday School Teacher. Carbondale

My husband Frank B. Jackson and my daughter Wilma J. Hayes have passed. I have three grand children Dr. Jesse D. Hayes, an Ophthalmologist in Houston, Texas and Dr. Frank W. Hayes a Physiciatrist in Davis, California and Mrs. Earletta Hayes Turner, a Teacher in the East Chicago Indiana School System.

I am presently the Business Manager of the Jackson Funeral Home Carbondale, Ill.

MISS GLADYS WATTS THE 26th President of The Illinois Association of Club Women, realizing the need for publicity and the continuity of purpose thru-out the State; The State Bulletin was put into operation. Miss Watts was our Golden Jubilee President and presented a beautiful program for the State.

ADA LUM WALTON'S CLUB HISTORY

Member of Local Council, District State and National organizations. Over 40 years. Has served all offices in Local and Council and all except treasurer in District and State. Past State President, Junior Sup., Parliamentarion, Asst. Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chairman of Executive board Vice President and President of Southern District, and I.A.C.W. State Chairman of Scholarship Fund, 4 Years. Member of National Committee of Education, National Chairman of Transportation, Secretary of State President's Council, Camp Director 3 Years, Central Regional Registrar, one year Central Regional and State Financial Secretary 2 years. Now serving as treasure of Council Member of Board of Directors, (State).

The I.A.C.W. advanced into the administration of Mrs. Ethel Lewis of Alton, Illinois, the newly elected president. She began in Carbondale in 1918. First centering her attention in the Girl's Dept., teaching and training them in the community that lead to the values in Christian and religious training and also civic and social and moral activities pertaining to a better life.

Coming to Alton in 1933 I was among many dynamic Club workers whom I had met at our convention. I dropped my "bucket" here and have enjoyed the work and contact with church and club women.

The cooperation of so many fine women with a mind to solve the many problems of their various communities made a pleasure for us to meet in the mid-year board meetings report our Local, District, State, and National dilemas.

Financially at every angle was calling for help. The many drives were met brevely. Our Headquarters R-St Washington D.C. had its Douglass Home(Cedar Hill) in dire need of repair.

Our National President Mrs. Rosa Graggs asked that the states have a contest to see what state could raise the most money also, offering first and second prizes, naming mid-year National Board 1962 as the close of the contest. Many states deemed it hopeless to compete. It was under the chairmanship of the late N.A.C.W. Past President Mrs. Irene Gaines rallied for Illinois was second with \$1529.68-we did our share!

Meanwhile in our state we were not neglecting to study our local problems. Sex Right to Live, Racial confusing, the care for children of ADC Mothers etc. Under the alert leadership of Mrs. Mayme Mason Higgins who was State worker out of Chicago who presented a workshop on Mother's homes and Child reported to our State convention by the use of slides and T.V. stories to alert the delegate to the improvements in racial and human relations. While our nation was settling with racial hate, delinquent children, school intergration, the organization did not lose heart, but ended 1962 with 8 new senior clubs, the organization of a young Adult Dept., under the sponsorship of Mrs. Lottie Killion of Alton.

Much praise can be given to the sincereand thoughtfulness of the clubs of Illinois. "And only the Master shall praise us, And only the Master shall blame, And no one shall work for money and no one shall work for fame, but each for the joy of the working And each in his separate star, Shall draw the thing as he sees it. For the God of things as they are."

The administration of Mrs. Ethel Lewis ended with the election of Mrs. Minnie A. Lee, of Chicago as the next President.

Mrs. Reba L. Hill, born and reared in Metropolis, Illinois received her Education there and graduate of Walker Business College in St. Louis, Missouri; also Walkers Beauty School..... served as Southern District President 1962-64 State President from 1966 - 1968. Under her administration she reactivated the Mother Home and Child Department by having each Club Adopt a child and much was accomplished for these children. Honored all club presidents with special tribute paid to each president, with the young adult portraying the work's of each president each president was presented with a gift each year she served. Honored all club presidents past and present in Northern, Central and Southern Districts with re-dedication services. Sponsored an umbrella trot under the able leadership of the Late Mrs. Jessie Tyson who raised enough money to pay for two hide a beds for the Illinois Room at the National Headquarters.

In Washington D.C. initiated the club women of the year award. First award was presented to Mrs. Lavada Hunter of Bloomington, Illinois she had many accomplishments from her community, Second Mrs. Etta Jackson of Carbondale, Illinois past State and District President, third Mrs. Elvira Ross who had received a promotion in her position being the first black to receive such honor, other awards Miss Irma Jones, the first young adult to be elected fourth Vice President of the National. Mrs. Grace Johns who was president of Northern District when the District Club House mortgage was paid, Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens National Board Member emeritus, Mrs. Alice Martin Springfield, Illinois the oldest member of our association and is still active in the association. Mrs. Ruby Edwards past State President who has worked in every department, office, and past State President. Mrs. Celeste White was also recipient of an award because of her many efforts in club work for beyond her call of duty.

Initiated the plan to give each host club \$100.00 for their local charities. Was host President to the 1968 National Convention Mrs. Mamie B. Reese National President, Mrs. Ruby Edwards, was the able chairman who left no stone unturned

to make the Convention a success.

Guest Speaker: Council of Clubs Annual Breakfast, Madison, Illinois

Grace Lee Stevens Club	Chicago, Illinois
St. John's A. M. E. Church	E. St. Louis, Illinois
Violet Thimble Club 50th Anniversary	E. St. Louis, Illinois
Parks Chapel Church	E. St. Louis, Illinois- Rev. Damon Jones, Pastor (Father of Charlotte and Irma)
Springfield Colored Womens Club	Springfield, Illinois
Agnes Moody Club	Monmouth, Illinois
Carbondale Community Club	Carbondale, Illinois
St. Paul A. M. E. Church	Metropolis, Illinois
Centerville Service Club Annual Tea	Centerville, Illinois
Anna B. Dorsey Club	Lovejoy, Illinois
Variette Club	E. St. Louis, Illinois
Honored Guest and Installation:	
La Servio Club	E. St. Louis, Illinois
Artizan Club	E. St. Louis, Illinois

Kathrine Dunham's Reception Represented I. A. C. W. Attended Illinois Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois. Representing I. A. C. W. Organizer of nine clubs, served as regional secretary and elected to the National Board. Organized the State Past Presidents for the National and was appointed by the Late Mrs. Myrtle Ollison National President to chair the program our first donation was \$100.00 to the Negro College Fund and the rest of the proceeds went to the Housekeeping Department for the National. Initiated the Scholarship Fund For Southern District, has been cited by many organizations received the Good Neighbor Award, Community Service by Delta-Sigma Theta Sorority, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Honored by Civic Charity Club. Tribute from E. St. Louis Journal Daily Newspaper. Life member of the National Association of Club Women, also Illinois Association of Club Women served as Supervisor of Attendance Program in School District #189 twenty-five years where she was able to help

people in all walks of life many children who would not have been able to finish school was able thru her help. She is a member of St. Paul Baptist Church has served in many capacities in the church now serving as Assistant Clerk. She initiated a drive to pay the first payment on the parsonage for the church. She is chairman and organizer of the Tower Courtesy Committee of the Church with twenty members they have raised \$17,000 to erect a tower at the church which was completed March, 1974, at the cost of \$22,000.

Saturday, June 17th to 21, 1967

To: Past President, Officers, Members of I.A.C.W.

One year ago I was elected as president of this great body. I accepted it with deep humility and a prayer that I would be able to fulfill the many obligations and duties that go with this office.

I assure each of you that I have enjoyed every minute of it and my faith in women has increased, because you have been so very kind to me.

The beautiful cards and letters of cheer you sent when I had the accident were most comforting.

I have tried to fill as many of your requests as humanly possible. I contacted all chairmen of committees and I am sure they have done their best to cooperate in order to bring us some worthwhile reports.

We are still stressing disadvantaged families and culturally deprived children. Let us keep in mind our organization was founded to lift as we climb, and unless we carry the underprivileged along with us our efforts will be in vain. They should be reminded of the importance of self reliance, education and cleanliness.

Our theme, "The Role of Federated Club Women in the Challenge of Change", should arouse us to the many challenges that are confronting us. Despite long efforts of attempting to secure integration in public schools and all places the battle has not been won. Clubwomen, we must let our voices be heard until freedom rings for all.

Again I ask you to tell the story of the Association. Sing it loud and clear so our boys and girls will remember that the things they enjoy today are theirs to enjoy because a group of Negro women felt that it should be, and they fought valiantly to leave them a heritage. They should be told about Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Harriet Tubman, Mrs. Sallie P. Stewart, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. Hallie Q. Brown, Mrs. Christine Smith and others.

Then we should tell them of the women who have kept the torch burning for us. Dr. Rosa Gragg, the late Mrs. Irene Gaines, and our charming national president Mrs. Mamie B. Reese. Last but not least our past president of the Illinois Association must be recorded because they kept the torch burning for Illinois. Some have passed into the great beyond but we cherish their memory. Our members still with us supporting our cause are, Mrs. Etta Jackson, Mrs. Luaco Gladden, Mrs. Ada L. Walton, Mrs. Ella Mitchell, Mrs. Fannie O'Bannion Mrs. Ethel Lewis, Mrs. Alice Foy and Mrs. Ruby Edwards. Because of the esteem we hold for these

women we will honor them Tuesday night at our convention. Thank you again for everything and let us rededicate our lives and double our efforts. Let our strength be felt in every community. What we are doing now will have an indelible impression on our youth of today and tomorrow. What we contribute to scholarship, camp fund and to our National Headquarters will be the means of a good family life for our bewildered youth.

Reba L. Hill, President
I.A.C.W.

DAISY L. FAIR 1972-1974
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF CLUB WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC.

In 1972 Daisy L. Fair of Alton, Illinois was elected the 37th President of the Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls, Inc. The theme was "Utilizing the Lifting Power of Women". The primary concern the first year was "The Cause and Prevention of Crime". The big gain in the concern was getting each person to realize her responsibility in the reduction of crime. The biggest gain was, it was the beginning of a campaign in which many of the ministers based a Sunday sermon on the subject.

The Mental Health Program, our second concern was revolutionized through the tremendous work of Dr. Ruth Allen Fouché, State Chairman and also a National Mental Health Chairman.

The year's work began with a Board Meeting in Bloomington, Illinois with Ruby Edwards as the capable Chairman. The purpose of the workshop was preparation for more efficient leadership and better trained club women in their respective Associations and communities.

The first State Meeting was held in Springfield, Illinois with the Mary Church Terrell Club as hostess, Miss Allie Hopkins, Pres. Mrs. Beatrice Vinson and Mrs. Cleota Smith were co-Chairman.

The State Meeting in 1974, which was held in Chicago, Ill. represented our 75th Anniversary Meeting. The Chrysanthemum Art and Charity Club with Mrs. Lona Padgett as President and Mrs. Grace Johns as Convention Chairman was the hostess club.

The President's Luncheon with two of its members with the greatest length

of service, Mrs. Etta Jackson and Mrs. Ella Mitchell gave club experiences covering many of the years. Every person who had been a club woman, actively involved for 40 years or more was given a trophy with 75th Anniversary engraved on it. Our club member, Mrs. Elouise Johnson presented an elegant Fashion Revue.

Dr. Rosa L. Gragg, the banquet speaker gave an inspiring and enlightening history of the organization.

The State Supervisor of Girls, Mrs. Mary Rhodes, assisted by Mrs. Carrie Calvin N.D., Mrs. Bertha Hammons, C.D. and Doris Clark, S.D. had 15 active clubs and a large number in attendance at each meeting. Miss Teenie Cole was the girls' President. Their Miss Illinois Contest and other Talent Contests added much to the cultural aspects of the meeting.

The Young Adults with Mamie Davis as Supervisor reported 6 active Clubs. Their International Tea and Profiles of Great Club Women were beautifully done.

Special praise go to these persons for jobs well done:

The Vice Presidents, Mrs. Marie Edwards who passed during the second year and was greatly missed, Mrs. Jean Lowery, Mrs. Mamie Davis and Mrs. Helen Peters.

Celeste White, program chairman and Souvenir Program Book Chairman.

Mary Haynes, 1st Assistant Secretary, and who served in the capacity of Vice President after Marie's passing.

Mary Ferguson, Special Finance Ways and Means Chairman assisted by Mrs. Delores White, Cleota Smith, Grace Little, Fannie Irving, Florence Lakes and Maggie Patterson;

Lillian Griggs Johnson, Arts and Crafts Chairman for an original Skit, and raising a sizable amount of money. She also presented the President with a portrait of herself;

Mrs. Mary Saverson, Drama Chairman and Mrs. Lucille Hamilton for presenting a Skit on Outstanding Black Women and the 75th Anniversary Skit.

Mrs. Eddis Tinsley, Cleo Bronough, and Sarah Stone for their spiritual devotions;

Past President Reba Hill for organizing three of the six new clubs; Bettye Baldwin for enhancing the social side of the 75th anniversary;

Helen Bowman, Bulletin and Publicity Chairman.

Miss Irma Jones, 2nd Vice Presented, NACWC, and Mrs. Grace Jones for having been selected for Woman of the Year Awards; Also Ruby Edwards, Past State Pres. and N.A.C.W. Treasurer and Celeste White Central Regional Vice Pres. at Large for outstanding achievement awards.

Mrs. Fair received the crown for having reported the largest amount of money of any of the States at the Central Regional Convention. She received a trophy for reporting the 3rd largest amount of the 39 States at the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Other officers who served diligently and have not been mentioned are: Elvira Ross, Treasurer; Gertrude Patterson, Recording Secretary; Carthella Spottsville, Financial Secretary; Bettye Baldwin, Corresponding Secretary; Kathryn Dean, Statistician; Charlotte Brown, Drucilla Lewis and Theresa Smith, Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Board; Ruby Scott Carter, Historian; Lavada Hunter, Membership Chairman; The Board of Directors, Alma Hodge, Delores White, Amanda Odeneal, Rosie Green, Lottie Teer(deceased), Beatrice Vinson, Geraldine Myrick, Beulah Hillar, Agnes Thornton, Josie Clinkscales, Martha Williams, Lottie Killion, and added the second year, Celeste White, Cornelia Johnson, Lou Fluker, Grace Johns, Lillian G. Johnson and Sara Chapman. Persons on the Scholarship Board, not already mentioned, were Rosa Mims, Mildred D. Sherrod, Marie Hammons, Martha Williams, Susie Bruns and Maceo Simpson.

Other Chairman of Committees who did outstanding jobs and have not been mentioned are: Rev. Lucretia Smith, Lottie Teer, Mattie Deed, Ora Higgens, Frances Gaines, R.N., Hazel Young, Daisy Brooks, Ethel Lewis, Katie Wright, Grace Lee Stevens, Myrtle McKenzie, Alice Foy, Anita Banks and Maud Tancil.

The Home Study Club

The "Home Study Club" is the oldest Federated Club in East St. Louis. It was organized in 1910. A few housewives often found life inadequate because of the lack of something to do.

Mrs. Carrie Bowles, the wife of Mr. B.F. Bowles the High School Principal, Mrs. Addie Brown, the wife of Prof. J.D. Brown, the Principal of the Garrison School, with a few other ladies decided to establish a Cultural Club, to give the ladies something to do as something to improve their mind. The name given was, "The Home Study Club."

The membership fee of the club was .10 a month. In the year 1963 the fee was \$1.00 a month. The meeting time was to be on the second Saturday of the month from September through June. The hours for the meeting was from 2:30 to 5 P.M. The serving was to be simple and inexpensive.

There was a hostess for each month. In the Year Book 1912-1913 the following members were in the club: Mrs. Addie Brown, Miss Emma Edwards, Sec'y, Mrs. Hattie Anderson, Treasurer, Miss Louie Cleveland, Mrs. Carrie Bowles, Miss Maggie Freeman, Miss Idella Phillips, Miss Daisy Hood, Miss Louie Cummins, Miss Viola Dorsey, Miss Fanny Jones, and Mrs. Jettie Sharp.

Honorary Member Mrs. Corrine Johnson, Washington, D.C. 1914-1915.

Members: Miss Fannie J. Jones, President, Miss M.N. Freeman Vice Pres., Miss Emma Edwards, Secretary, Miss Idella Phillips, Asst. Sec'y, Mrs. Jettie Sharp Treas., Miss Viola Dorsey, Miss Louie Cleveland, Miss Nell Hemmings, Mrs. J.W. Hughes, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Beaulah Mitchell, Miss Hattie Anderson, Mrs. Wm., Haynes, Miss Daisy Westbrook, Mrs. Frank Adams, Mrs. Winbush, Miss Idella Starks, and Mrs. Johnson.

The 1912-1913 the Study was, "The People of France, Past and Present." 1914-15 "Africa".

1915-1916; "Studies of Africa".

The membership remained the same. The officers were as follows:

Pres. Miss Fanny Jones, Vice Pres. Mrs. Maude Haynes, Sec'y Mrs. Lovie Adams. Asst. Sec'y Miss Idella Phillips, Treasurer, Mrs. Jettie Sharp, Program Committee, Mrs. Carrie K. Bowles, Miss Maggie Freeman, and Miss Ardella Starks.

Honorary Members, Mrs. L. Mitchell, Bloomington, Ill., Miss Viola Dorsey, Columbus, Ohio.

The "Home Study Club" was the first organization in this city to observe Negro History. Under the administration of Miss Cora Childs we had Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who was the organizer of the project as our guest speaker. We also had Dr. Lorenzo Green, then the President of Lincoln University as our guest speaker. We also had Dr. Herman Dreer who has specialized in this subject for our guest speaker. Instead of having a Christmas Party for ourselves, we decided to pool our money and give it to the less fortunate. We selected four families, and gave them Christmas cheer. We also brought food and filled baskets and gave them to unfortunate families.

During our organization, we have had many presidents. Some have served for more than one term.

The ones who have served are the following:

Mrs. Addie Brown	1910-1913	Mrs. Hattie Anderson	1913-1916
Miss Fannie Jones	1916-1918	Mrs. Maude Haynes	1922-1924
Mrs. Maude Haynes	1922-1924	Mrs. Frances Lucas	1924-1926

Mrs. Cora Hughes	1926-1928	Mrs. Luaco Gladden	1928-1930
Mrs. Bessie King	1930-1932	Mrs. Mildred D. Sherrod	1932-1934
Mrs. Maude Haynes	1934-1936	Mrs. Cora Hughes	1936-1938
Miss Jennie Smith	1938-1940	Miss Cora Childs	1940-1942
Mrs. Beatrice Miller	1942-1944	Mrs. Luaco Gladden	1944-1946
Mrs. Altha Russ	1946-1948	Mrs. Mildred D. Sherrod	1948-1950
Mrs. Beatrice Neely	1950-1952	Mrs. Goldie Hill	1952-1954
Mrs. Louise Polk	1954-1956	Mrs. Mable Tillman	1956-1960
Mrs. Bertha Cross	1960-1962	Mrs. Beatrice Neely	1962-1964
Mrs. Quintella Calvert	1964-1966	Mrs. Clarice Tantype	1966-1968
Mrs. Mildred D. Sherrod	1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975		

These have been our presidents through the years and each one have played well their part in building on the foundation that the founders have laid.

Many of our presidents have passed Namely:

Mesdames: Addie Brown, Fanny Jones, Hattie Anderson, Cora Hughes, Bessie King, Jennie Smith, Altha Russ, Louise Polk, Frances Lucas, Luaco Gladden, Goldie Hill.

Some of our presidents served as Presidents of the Southern District. They were as follows: Mesdames Luaco Gladden, Mildred D. Sherrod, Mrs. Gladden is a Past President of the State.

Mrs. Sherrod has served as Executive Secretary, Chairman of both the Executive Board and Board of Directors. She also was the treasure of the Southern District for a number of years.

HISTORY OF THE CIVIC CHARITY CLUB

Throughout most of history, caring for the needy and underprivileged has been the province, indeed the responsibility of the church. Such a task often overwhelmed the church, and it was at such times that well-meaning individuals and groups of individuals offered their assistance.

In 1924 few negro churches possessed the wherewithal to dispense charity, and no Governmental Agency existed: So the task of caring for the less fortunate was assumed by a dedicated group of 12 women whose motto, "helping others", became the foundation and cornerstone of their club -- The Civic Charity.

Founded April 14, 1924 by the late Mrs. A. J. Hoover and other spirited women, The Civic Charity Club is one of the oldest continuously active federated clubs in the state. Led in the beginning by the late Mrs. Annette Officer, who later served as state president, the club has had a varied history of helping needy individuals and families who were ineligible for public charity.

The club has also affiliated with, (either as members or as solicitors in the campaigns,) of The Red Cross, The Heart Fund, The Cancer Fund, The United Fund of East St. Louis, The NAACP, Core, The Cerebral Palsy Drive, and the Annette Youth Center.

The Civic Charity Club has not only been an asset to the greater East St. Louis Community, but from its ranks have gone many members who have served meritoriously as district and state officers. With only two charter members, Mrs. Addie Allen and Mrs. Claudia Barbour, still active; the club, with the help of many veteran and new members is still practicing in its 42nd year its motto of "Helping Others."

Its present roster consists of: Mrs. Gracie Little, Pres., Mrs. Mary Saverson, Vice Pres., Mrs. Addie Allen, Sec., Mrs. Lillie Hunter, Asst. Sec., Mrs. Lula Patton, Treas. and Mrs. Maude Logan, Parliamentarian. Members are: Mesdames Elizabeth Anderson, Roberta Aycox, Claudia Barbour, Rosie Green, Reba Hill, Myrdis Lockett, Janie McClellan, Beatrice Neely, Ann Prowell, Rose Randall, Sarah Stone, and Freddie Williams.

Carbondale Community Club

The Carbondale Community Club was organized in 1918 by the late Mrs. A.L. Anderson, who was the State President at that time, and the late Mrs. Carrie Lee Hamilton State Organizer.

The purpose of the club is civic and charity work. Motto—"We live to serve". For 48 years we have been an active member of the District, State, and National organization, meeting all obligations, heading the list, Scholarship Loan. Our contributions have been numerous. During the war years, we worked closely with the Red Cross, in War Bond drive and volunteer hospital service. A few charity contributions, aid to the sick and shut-ins, milk to needy school children, dinners to the lonely and aged, and assistance to the handicapped. Donations to United Fund, cancer, heart, palsey, and all important area civic projects. Throughout the years we have fostered Girls Clubs, promoting educational, religious, and social programs for youth welfare. Each month a Major Department presents a program with an informative speaker and material on the subject, which is an invaluable service to the members.

The Carbondale Community Club has been host, at two different times to the I.A.C.W. & G's, on both occasions we were landed for our excellent service and entertainment. We are proud to relate that two of our club members are Past State Presidents, Mrs. Hannah A. Woods serving in 1941--1942, and Mrs. Etta W. Jackson in 1951-1952, Mrs. Jackson is also Past National Parliamentarian 1960-1962. Many of our members have been elected to an office in the State and many

have served on important committees in the State and National organization. Our illustrious women have given, and are still giving valuable, untiring service.

The first president of the club was the late Mrs. Harriett Davidson. The present officers and Chairman & Co-Chr. are as follows:-

President-----Anna Lee Branch
1st Vice-----Mae Jones
2nd Vice-----Anna Louise Gibson
3rd Vice-----Louberta Cavitt
Sec'y-----Marie Mason
Ass't Sec'y-----Annie Mae Wakefield
Treas-----Frances Bowers
Chaplain-----Etta W. Jackson
Supv of Girls-----Martha Green
Mother, Home & Child--Inez Mosley & Sarah Edwards
Women In Industry--Ella Mae Arnett & Clara Kirk
Scholarship Loan---Louella Davis & Ivy Neal
Education-----Dodridge Grim & Rosetta O'Neal
Legislation-----Ercie Sumner & Minnie Hinton
Ways & Means-----Theresa Woods & Anna Bell W. Jackson
Entertainment-----Rosella Thomas & Aline Gordon
Program-----Jennie Jones & Marian Perkins
Camp-----Dorothy King, Leona Miller

Carbondale Community Club has 62 financial members and 25 inactive members. We always have representation at the District, State, and National meetings.

HISTORY OF THE VIOLET

THIMBLE CLUB, EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

In March 1916 eight ladies met at the home of the late Mrs. Lovie Adams to socialize. Bach brought embroidery work. In this meeting they decided to organize a club, their objective to be needle work.

As March was the month of violets the club was given the name, Violet Thimble Club. Officers elected, Mrs. Mary Chears President, Mrs. Luaco Gladden Secretary, Mrs. Cora Hughes Treasurer.

Meeting days decided: first and third Thursday of each month.

The membership grew to twenty four, which was the limit at that time. There were a number of deserving boys and girls who desired to go to College after completing high school, but were financially handicapped, therefore, the club decided to give a donation toward a scholarship once each year.

Our first financially effort was a fashion show which was the first to be given in East St. Louis, The show was produced by the late Emily Willis, This

was an annual affair.

Money from these affairs was used to help to help two girls through college.

In 1924 the club became affiliated with the Illinois Federation of Colored Women Clubs, which necessitated more financial obligations, We now pay scholarships through the state.

The Violet Thimble Club was responsible for naming of Lincoln Park.

Feeling the need of closer fellowship with other clubs of the vicinity, Mrs. Luaco Gladden and Mrs. Annette Officer members of the Violet Thimble Club helped to organize the Council of Clubs. This organization is now federated with the state. In 1946 a girls club was organized.

The club has the honor of producing two state Presidents one of which has also served as a member of the National scholarship committee.

The club also have a member now serving as State Parliamentarian. Some of the members give voluntary service to all Civic Organizations.

The club takes cheer to all Senior Citizens at the Convalescent Home at Christmas.

This year we are celebrating our Golden Anniversary and are honoring two charter members. Mrs. Luaco Gladden and Mrs. Helen Jackson.

History of the Carpe Diem Club

Du Quoin, Ill.

Several years ago, Mrs. Ruth L. Bennett, wife of the pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, had lived in other towns where the women and girls had organized clubs, and she saw the need of it here. She sent for Miss Hallie Q. Brown, the State Organizer, who came and organized a club here, in the home of Mrs. Matilda Bolden, and thirty-six women attended. Officers elected were:- Mrs. Ruth Bennett, President, Mrs. Cordelia Holmes, 1st. Vice-President, Mrs. Marah Winston, 2nd. Vice-President, Mrs. Lucy Berkley, Secretary, Miss Emma Tate and Miss Minerva Bates Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frances Hunter, Treasurer. Mrs. Matilda Bolden, Penny Treadurer, By-law Committee Mrs. Ida

Moore, Miss Helen White and Mrs. Lora Hogan. Executive Board, Mrs. Tolitha Thomas, Mrs. Bell Smith, Mrs. Nancy Perry, Mrs. Celia Randall and Mrs. Jessie Milton. Courtesy committee, Mrs. Elizabeth Barnett, and Mrs. Myrtle Stewart. Program committee, Mrs. Dovia Person, Mrs. Rosetta Froner and Mrs. Jessie Vessell. Parliamentarian Mrs. Ruth Bennett. Committee appointed to name the club, Mrs. A.L. Anderson,. Mrs. Larkie Person and Mrs. Lula McLemore. The name chosen was the Hallie Q. Brown Charity Club. Meetings to be once a week Saturday afternoons, but later changed to Thursday afternoons. First meeting Business, Second-Parliamentary drill, Third-Program, Fourth-Current Events. The greatest desire was to buy ground, build a club house to have our meetings, a place where children could play while mothers sewed, mended or embroidered. At one of the State meetings Miss Hallie Q. Brown did not remember of organizing the club, so the members decided to change the name. They decided on Carpe Diem, a name brought in by Mrs. Mamie Owens, Carpe Diem meaning to serve the present day. Our greatest achievement is the Scholarship Fund. Mrs. A.L. Anderson was the originator of the Scholarship loan in 1921. While in a meeting in the home of Mrs. Leola Jones a thought came to Mrs. Ann L. Baxter to purchase the home of the late Mrs. A.L. Anderson. The members were pleased with the idea, and a committee was appointed to see what could be done. Owing to the illness of the President at this time, the Vice President Mrs. Helen B. Peters appointed the committee Mrs. A.L. Baxter, Mrs. Jessie Milton, Mrs. Marvela McPherson, Miss Daisy Weaver, and Mrs. Peters. On July 9, 1961, the club burned the mortgage of the Anderson Memorial Home. We assist in all the city projects such as: Cancer, Tuberculosis, Mentally Retarded and Hemophelia drives. We belong to the State and National Clubs. We have an Annual sermon each year. The Anderson Memorial Home is used for Lodge meetings, Recreation center for Youth, N.A.A.C.P. meetings, Voting center, and District Boards meetings. Mrs. Helen B. Peters a member of this club is the District President of Southern Illinois District from 1964 to 1966. We have a list of 25 Past Presidents with 7 living and 18 passed.

Club Colors-Pink and Green. Club Motto-Improve the present day Meetings-
Second and Fourth Fridays each month. Place-Anderson Memorial Home, 113 N.
Maple St., Du Quoin, Ill.

Mrs. Daisy Barnett, President
Mrs. Fannie Brown, Secretary

This committee should have been among the newly elected officers. Sick
committee appointed Mrs. Cordelia Holmes, Mrs. Alice McCalaster, Mrs. Lue
Smith, Mrs. Nettie Wilburn, and Mrs. Mattie Reddick.

The Mildred D. Sherrod Federated Club was organized in Mt. Vernon, Illinois,
on April 1, 1945, by Mrs. Mildred D. Sherrod of East St. Louis, Illinois, who
was then the president of Southern District of I.A.C.W. Mrs. Viola Johnson
was elected to be the first president of this club, which has maintained an
average membership of twenty fine women, serving as officers, supporting the
club, and fulfilling our Motto—"Lifting as we climb." The Club is dedicated to
active service in Civic affairs and all outstanding community projects. In 1947
special recognition was given to the club for launching a drive, in which \$1000
was raised and contributed to the building fund of the Good Samaritan Hospital
of Mt. Vernon. The 1965 project was a drive to assist the new Y.M.C.A. and
Youth Center funds.

In September, 1958, the Club elected Mrs. Maggie Armstrong as supervisor
for a girls' club, and she organized the Mildred D. Sherrod Jewels, with the
assistance of Miss Bella Claybrooks of Centralia, the Southern District
Supervisor of Girls. Miss Jeanne Wright was chosen to be the first president
of the girls' club, which continues to be an active organization for the youth
of the community.

Past presidents of the Mildred D. Sherrod Club are:

Viola Johnson (deceased)
Harriet Pierce (deceased)
Rosa Sydes
Laverne Powell
Ruth Wright
Maggie Armstrong (deceased)
Celeste Vann
Odessa Hall
Nettie Lee Porter

The Variette Cultural Club was formulated in the mind of Mrs. Reba Hill, past Pres. of Southern District, because there was no young adult womans' club in East St. Louis, Ill. It was organized in the year 1961 at the home of Mrs. Reba Hill 2210 Bond Ave. in East St. Louis. Mrs. Helen Mason of Centralia, Ill. met with us on our organizational day to explain the purpose and function of a womans' club.

Mrs. Freda Phillips served as our first president from April 1961 to June 1963. We had 8 ladies to become club women. At present, Mrs. Mammye Davis is our president and we have 13 club members.

Since our organizing, we have tried to carry out the motto of club women "Lifting as we climb". We have aided needy families and presented cultural excursions and projects for the children and youth of our community.

HISTORY AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEDERATED UNITY CLUB-ALTON, ILLINOIS

In reference to our motto, a club is a fellowship of women and girls, united for service, in lifting the standards of the home, and extending services to help make a better community in which to live.

APRIL 21,---44 years ago, our own Mrs. Mamie Lowry was so inspired that she wanted to do something. As far as has been known, there were no Federated Civic clubs in Alton, Ill. Mrs. Lowry asked the State Organizer-Mrs. Margaret Wyche of Bloomington, Ill., to organize a federated club of Alton- her wish was granted; and the club was named "THE FEDERATED UNITY CLUB OF ALTON, ILL." Mrs. Mamie Lowry-elected first President. Mrs. Lowry, now deceased-was inspired to build an "Old Folks Home," during her administration of 2½ years; working hard to secure funds for her pet project. Mrs. Edna Turner, deceased elected 2nd President-who solicited many times during her 1 year of service-for funds. Mrs. Dora Lowry, elected 3rd president-deceased, worked-trying to get money ahead on her sisters pet project. Mrs. Mary Samuels, 4th Pres. elected/ and members met through the summer raising funds. Mrs. Emma Jackson-5th Pres. elected/ served several terms; shares were purchased in the Bldg. & Loan Co., for an Old Folks Home. A Grid Iron Dinner was a success. Also the for many years the Xmas old folks dinner(free) was held. Mrs. Anna Gillis Johnson, 6th Pres. served several terms buying a part of the Isaacs Farm- Jerseyville Road-planning to build the old folks home. The club also entertained the S.D. convention. The community services at that time included buying bible for the blind, hiring and giving nursing care to the sick and giving money or household needs to the needy. Mrs. Lottie Wyatt Killion-7th Pres./ elected, The administration of 2 yrs., with help from the Merry Hearts-entertained the State Convention. Business concerning land for the old folks home was corrected; purchasing a title of ownership. The club participated in the Movement to help diminish teenage delinquency-\$5.00. Mrs. Anna McAllister elected 8th Pres., for 5 years the crusade moved ahead regarding the old folks home. Realizing the tremendous responsibility and upkeep of an old folks home; considering every possibility-the land was sold and money deposited. The club's anniversary celebration

benefited the Polio fund, and fire victims. Mrs. Mattie St. Clair-elected 9th Pres., Administration-of 2 yrs. helped the Heart, Cancer and Polio Funds; fire victims, and services to the needy. Mrs. Lucille King Burden, elected 10th Pres., honored past & present officers at an tea- Under this administration the club's Charter was amended. Mrs. Carrie Breckenridge-outstanding member led members 3 yrs in succession- raising \$1000.00 and donating it to the Red Cross. Mrs. Hortense Logan elected 11th Pres., serving 2 yrs- consisted of donations \$10.00 ea. to Polio, Heart, Cancer and E.P. Lovejoy Scholarship Funds. Also revised constitution and with help from the Merry Hearts-entertained the Council of Club Breakfast. Mrs. Gertrude Williams-12th Pres. elected; administration of 2 yrs. gave many needed baskets & was responsible for the revision of the club's sinking fund & donating \$22.00 to NAACP and the Lovejoy Scholarship. Mrs. Anita Holman-13th Pres. elected; club continued taking part in various charitable drives. 14th Pres. was Mrs. Lala Pickens- administration of 2 yrs. took part in all civic drives. 15th Pres. Mrs. Lucy Swanson-elected 1961-1963 administration continued the trend of raising funds. 16th Present Pres. is Mrs. Willie Ann Jones-administration has amended the by-laws & constitution and are responsible for raising club donation standards which have benefited NAACP \$50.00, Lovejoy Scholarship \$50.00, S.I.U. Student \$25.00, Red Cross \$25.00, and minor donations to the needy. This administration also presented a Musical Extravangaza in Monticello College Hatheway Hall; first Negro group to do so. The club is still lifting as it climbs.

*Deceased Past Presidents:

Dora Lowry Anna Gillis Johnson
Mary Samuels Lucille Burden
Edna Turner Anna McAllister
Emma Jackson Mamie Lowry

Past Presidents:

Lottie Killion Anita Holman
Mattie St. Clair Lala Pickens
Hortense Logan Lucy Swanson
Gertrude Williams Willie Ann Jones-
now the Past Pres.

Ruth Donlow a member of the Etta Jackson Club was President of the Southern Association

District 1968-1970 And Vice President of the State Association 1971-1972.

Etta Jackson Club History 1925-1975

The club was organized in September 1925 with twelve lovely ladies present, Mrs. Etta Jackson who was the Southern District President was the organizer.

It was voted unanimously that the club carry the name, Etta Jackson. All the ladies that were in the organization have passed on to the great beyond.

By virtue of membership Eva Crossland is the oldest living member she having moved to metropolis in 1925 and immediately joined the club.

Since we know that all federated clubs are based on Charity and doing for others we try to do our share.

To name some of the things we do--We have given all the flags to the Hospital in fact we are in the process of giving one this week. We give to high school graduates that want to go to college. Our gift to each one is twenty five dollars. (\$25.00) We also give to the N.A.A.C.P, the Cancer Crusade, The Red Cross, Crippled Child Childrens fund & etc.

We do our share with the District, State and National also the Extravaganza. Etta Jackson club has had two southern District Presidents. Julia Quonn 1958-1959 Ruth Donlow 1968-1969 Ruth Donlow was also the Vice President of the State Association from the Southern District 1971-1972.

Also served on the rules Committee and Chairman of the Legislation Committee. We have had a membership of 50. Some have died, others have moved away and some have fallen by the wayside.

Our membership now is 26. We have three honorary members. Ida Bogan, Bessie Cooley and Mamie Baker.

We have had 24 Presidents. Some serving more than their two year term. Our meetings dates are the second and fourth Thursday evening at 7:p.m. The club will be Fifty years old in September. We are planning now for our 50 year celebration.

Before we vacation for the summer months we arrange for our annual picnic which is usually in July.

Let us continue to love one another.

Leona Lawton, President

HISTORY OF FEDERATED UNITY CLUB

We really believe that some of us at this very moment are wondering---- What is a Club?----And why have one? Well, we will say that "A Club is a fellowship of women and girls united for service in lifting the standards of the home, and extending their services to help make a better community in which to live. Therefore our motto of the Federated Unity Club is "Loyalty to women, Justice to children, and Lifting as we climb."

April 21, 1921, one of our own, Mrs. Mamie Lowry was so inspired that she wanted to do something toward Club Work. As far as has been known there were no Federated Civic Clubs in Alton, Illinois. Mrs. Margaret Wyche of Bloomington, Illinois, state organizer, happened to be in Alton at that time. Mrs. Mamie Lowry asked her to organize a Club. And she did. And our Club was named the Federated Unity Club. Mrs. Mamie Lowry, now deceased, was the first president. She went to the State Convention and came back fired up and inspired to build an Old Folks Home. During her administration of 2½ years, she, with the membership worked hard securing funds here and there for her "Pet Project."

Mrs. Edna Turner, deceased, succeeded Mrs. Lowry as president. And you that know Mrs. Turner, know what a hard and fast worker she was. Most any time you could see her soliciting for her Club. She served one year.

Mrs. Dora Lowry, deceased, also worked untiringly on various entertainments, trying to get money ahead on her sister's "Pet Project."

Mrs. Mary Samuels, deceased, headed our group next. We met all through the summer, rounding up members and finance. She had to help in her husband's business and could only serve us four months.

Mrs. Emma Jackson, deceased, was next at the helm of our Organization, serving us splendidly for six years. Under her administration we bought shares in the Building and Loan Company for the Old Folks Home. We also had a Grid Iron Dinner. Various members of the Club made talks---representing the Mayor and other city officials. The Grid Iron Dinner was a hugh success. Mrs. Lucile King Burden represented Mr. Tome Butler, who was campaigning to be mayor of Alton. When ever he got up to speak, Mrs. Lucile King Burden, one of our members, would rise and speak as though she was Mayor Butler. You can just imagine the loud applause Mrs. Burden got. We also started having the Old Folks Free Dinner at Christmas time. The Club followed this procedure for many, many years.

Mrs. Carrie Breckenridge was not one of our presidents. However, we like to speak of her, because three years in succession, with the president's permission, she organized the ladies and raised \$100.00 and gave it to the Red Cross, making a total of \$300.00.

Mrs. Anna Gillis Johnson, deceased, served several terms. Under her administration, we bought a part of the Old Isaac's Farm on the Jerseyville Road---planning to build a home for our elders. We also entertained the Southern District of Federated Clubs. We bought a large book so that the Club's history would be preserved, and a Robert's Rules of Order was purchased for the benefit of the members. The Club also helped to buy a Bible for a blind preacher His name was Rev. Solomon Griswold. He was a former pastor of Salem Baptist Church of Wood Station, and he was a member of Union Baptist Church here in Alton, Illinois. The Club also hired a nurse to look after Mrs. Isaacs who was very ill. We bought her coal numerous times. Too, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin

was very ill. Dr. Cruzat wanted some one to see to it that she got fruit juices morning and evening; also nurse care. For three weeks Unity Club bought the juices and one of the members went twice a day and gave her the juices. Another member went once a day and gave her nurse care. At the end of three weeks our patient was called from Labor to Reward.

Mrs. Anna McAllister, deceased, served the Club for five years as its president. Mr. DeBow of Lovejoy, Illinois, spoke to the Club on several occasions----showing us step by step the tremendous responsibility of the upkeep of an Old Folks Home. We would have to employ doctors and nurses. We would have to have a House Mother and a janitor. The building would have to be fire proof. It would have to insured, etc., etc., and etc. So, we finally sold the land and put the money in the bank! We also celebrated the Club's Anniversary and helped the Polio Drive and fire victims.

Mrs. Lottie Wyatt Killion cautiously forged ahead and became the next humble servant of the Club. She planned by day and dreamed by night as how best to serve the Club. With the help of the Merry Hearts Club the State Convention was entertained. A committee went to Edwardsville, Illinois to get some business straightened out. That committee say to it that the Unity Club's land was separated from Mrs. Isaac's land. You see the state run a paved high way through Mrs. Isaac's land. She had the title to all the land. And this committee had to see to it that the Unity Club had a title to the part that the Unity Club owned. Also under this administration a movement was started to help diminish teen-age delinquency. Meetings were held at Alton High School and at several churches. This crusade lasted several weeks. Unity Club contributed \$5.00 toward this movement.

Mrs. Mattie St. Clair, now deceased, served well for 2 years. Under her administration, she helped in all financial drives--the Heart Fund, the Cancer Fund, Polio Fund, and fire victims---gave \$5.00 to a crippled young man, 21 years of age, who hadn't ever walked, etc.--. Baskets of groceries were given to the needy around Christmas time.

Mrs. Lucile Burden, deceased, honored the present and past officers at a "tea." She also had a corporation lawyer, Ross Ambruster, to come to the Club meeting. He was to it that our charter was amended. It could have been amended in 1944. We now can keep our same name. We can let out scholarship loans, help charitable organizations, buy property, and we can have a club house.

Mrs. Hortense Logan served us as president from 1954 through 1956, with all her heart, soul, and body. Under her administration \$40.00 was given----\$10.00 each to Polio, Heart, Cancer, and Lovejoy Scholarship Fund. The Unity Club Constitution was revised. With the Salem Aid and Merry Heart Clubs assisting, we were hostess to the Council of Clubs Breakfast. She had a membership drive and gave prizes, also a bazaar, and a Christmas party. Every time we had our Christmas party, she would buy all the prizes out of her own pocket. On retiring from office, Mrs. Logan presented each committee chairman a handkerchief corsage----and to Mrs. Lewis, the Southern District President, a beautiful personal gift. And too, others received lovely personal gifts. Of all the presidents we have had, she was the most liberal.

Mrs. Gertrude Williams as president served two years with the members backing her. Our Club with the help of the Merry Hearts and Salem Aid Clubs sponsored the October Breakfast. 150 persons were served at the Union Baptist Church. People were there from Springfield and Bloomington, Illinois. Beautiful art work was on display. Everyone patronized the Country Store. Under this administration a number of Christmas baskets were given out to the needy. Our Sinking Fund had been drawing 1% interest and the committee had the Sinking Fund put in the Building and Loan. So instead of getting \$11.00 interest, we now get \$35.00 interest each year. We also gave the NAACP \$22.00. In May, 1955, the constitution was revised. Fifty copies were printed and passed out to the members. We had a Valentine Party followed by a fish fry. We had a Memorial Service for our members who had passed. The Club voted to have their Club Picnic on June 12. A 3 Months Membership Drive was planned. Too, Mrs. Williams was named chairman of the Musical Extravaganza of East St. Louis and Vicinity

Council of Clubs. Also the Club voted to have their 36th Anniversary in May.

Under the administration of Mrs. Anita Holman, the Club joined the Organization for Better Government. And we took part in all of the Charitable Drives.

Mrs. Lalla Pickens believed in being on time. She was never late during her two years as president. Her meetings were always started on time. Under her administration we took part in all civic drives such as the Lovejoy Scholarship Drive, Polio Fund, Christmas Baskets, etc. And when it comes to being liberal, she and Mrs. Logan stand side by side. Mrs. Pickens really gives of herself more than she should.

Mrs. Lucy Swanson was president from 1961 through 1963. We will say this for Mrs. Swanson that no president before, and we believe in later years, will ever be able to measure up to her ability when it comes to raising finance. All of our club women look upon her as a financial wizard. A unique highlight of Mrs. Lucy Swanson's administration was a program, This Is Your Life honoring Mrs. Ethel Lewis, a past state president. Her relatives from far and near were present. And a well guarded secret of their coming was a genuine surprise to Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. Willie Ann Jones was elected president in 1963. She served four years through 1967. Under her presidency we gave \$50.00 to the NAACP, \$50.00 to the Lovejoy Scholarship Fund, \$25.00 to a student attending SIU, \$25.00 to the Red Cross, \$5.00 to a lady whose house burned down, wearing apparel and groceries to another burned out victim. We had a Musical Extravaganza at Monticello College, Hatheway Hall. This was the first time that a Negro Organization had ever had a program of any kind at Hatheway Hall. We cleared \$200.00. Also under this administration the Unity Club's By-laws and Constitution have been amended.

Mrs. Stella Swanson followed Mrs. Willie Ann Jones as president. She followed in the footsteps of the other presidents. Under her administration liberal donations were given to the NAACP, the Elijah P. Lovejoy Scholarship

Fund, Red Cross, and several other organizations.

April, 1971, is our 50th Anniversary as a Club. Just think of it! We have been meeting for 50 years!

We observed our 50th Anniversary on Sunday, April 18, 1971, with the late Mrs. Feanner Moore as President.

Our present Membership is approximately 23 active members. Our present President, Mrs. Maceo Simpson, serving her fourth year, accepted our "Paid in Full" Life Membership Plaque in 1972, presented by Mr. Miller Johnson, President of the Alton Branch N. A. A. C. P. Mrs. Hortense Logan was Chairlady of the financial effort for that achievement. We have one (1) Honorary Member, Mrs. Ollie Kimball and a long time Federated Member, Mrs. Agnes Britts. Mrs. Daisy Fair now Past-President of the State and our program chairman, gave three annual youth talent award programs. Mrs. Ethel Lewis, a Past State President was honored in a "This Is Your Life" presentation prepared by Mrs. Lottis Killion at a Council Meeting hostess by Unity Club. We observe Negro History Week, participate in the Council-District-State and National Projects. We have been hostess to Council Breakfast and Co-hostess to State and District Conventions.

The Late Past-President, Mrs. Willie Ann Jones, sponsored a musical extravaganza at the Monticello Hatheway Hall. Our group was the first Negro organization to present such a talent program. Mrs. Jones has seven daughters who are dedicated Federated workers.

We contribute to charitable drives, such as Community Chest, Salvation Army, Red Cross, March of Dimes, Polio, American Cancer Society, Heart Association, Elijah P. Lovejoy Scholarship Fund, send out cheer cards and sympathy and other acts of benevolence and concern. We also collect glass bottles and jars as a financial effort. The officers are Maceo Simpson, President, Edna Houston Vice-President, Gertrude A. Williams Secretary, Daisy Fair Assistant Secretary, Edna Houston Financial Secretary, Audra Mosley-Correspondent Secretary, Nora Stewart Treasurer, Artermisher Thompson Chaplain.

The Board Members are Maggie Patterson, Florence Lakes, Wenonah Allen and Audra Mosley.

Our present president is Mrs. Feanner Moore. This is her second year as president. She is a splendid leader, continuing in our charitable projects in Lifting As We Climb. Under this president we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary with an Anniversary Tea.

No president would have succeeded in her accomplishments if the members had not helped. So, when we speak of presidential accomplishments, we mean the accomplishments of you and you---the Unity Club Members.

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DECEASED PRESIDENTS

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| 1. Mrs. Dora Lowry | 6. Mrs. Lucile K. Burden |
| 2. Mrs. Mary Samuels | 7. Mrs. Anna McAllister |
| 3. Mrs. Edna Turner | 8. Mrs. Mamie Lowry |
| 4. Mrs. Emma Jackson | 9. Mrs. Mattie St. Clair |
| 5. Mrs. Anna Gillis Johnson | 10. Mrs. Willie Ann Jones |

LIVING PRESIDENTS

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Lottie W. Killion | 5. Mrs. Lalla Pickens |
| 2. Mrs. Hortense Logan | 6. Mrs. Lucy Swanson |
| 3. Mrs. Gertrude Williams | 7. Mrs. Stella Swanson |
| 4. Mrs. Anita Holman | 8. Mrs. Feanner Moore |

Compiled by Lottie W. Killion.

HISTORY OF THE WOMEN'S PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF MADISON, ILLINOIS

The Womens Progressive Federated Club of Madison, was organized in the year of 1923, at the home of Delia Farmer Payne. The charter members were, Alice Charlton 1st president, Ada Lum Walton 1st Secretary, Mary Smith, Mary Henderson, Roxanna Simmons, Fannie WagonerBarbers, Grace Asbrook and Annie Kinslow Barnett. The objectives were "Charity and Civic Improvement."

The Junior Federated Club sponsored by the Senior Club was organized in 1928 and named the Progressive Junior Federated Club. Mrs. Alice Charlton was the first supervisor and Ada Lum Walton and Willie G. Watts served also in the same capacity. Due to the fact that many fine women from the North Venice area became interested and joined our club and gave such loyal cooperation.

It was agreed upon in later years that we drop Madison from our title and be known thereafter as the "Women's Progressive Federated Club".

Following are some of the outstanding accomplishments of the Senior Organization down through the years.

An annual \$50.00 scholarship is awarded each year to the high school graduate with the high scholastic record and who enters a college or university to pursue a higher education. In memory to a loyal member now deceased it is called the "Annie Harris Hampton" Scholarship.

We participate in an annual charitable project in which baskets of food and fruit are carried out to the needy and shut-ins of Venice and Madison, every Christmas.

The Club initiated the idea of having the first Negro Housing project in this area named for a deceased Progressive Club member, Miss Viola Jones.

The Housing Project is located in North Venice, Illinois and is named the "Viola Jones Homes".

Annual donations are given to the N. A. A. C. P., Cancer and Heart Funds.

Each year the club actively participates in a "Clean Up Fix Up and Paint Up" Campaign.

A summer story hour for primary children was initiated lately by the club. The results in attendance was so gratifying, it was decided that the project be an annual one.

Progressive Club Women have held the following offices:

Two State Presidents
Alice Charlton*
Ada Lum Walton

Three Council Presidents
Ada Lum Walton
Margaret Green
Clara Mae Floyd

Past Presidents of the Progressive Federated Club are:

Alice Charlton*
Viola Jones*
Susie Raspberry*
Mary Henderson*
Ada Lum Walton
Cora Seldon
Margaret Asbrook Green
Ollie Smith
Rosie McCaskill Parnell
Mary Stowe
Mahalla Griggs
Olelia Flowers

Annie H. Hampton *
Leora Howlett
Wadie Baucum
Clara Floyd
Odessa Bridges
Corrine Silas
Jewell Barnes

* Deceased

The History of the Artisanz Club

In the summer of 1959 our founder's vacation spent visiting her sister was highlighted by an activety she attended while there. She was invited to attend an Integrated Conference on Juvenile Rehabilitation in a newly built and equipped ediface. The playroom for the youngsters had been furnished by members of a group of women who among other things were devoting their Club work to helping those less fortunate than they.

Thus imbued with this spirit of goodwill, Mrs. Donnie P. Moore, on her return to E. St. Louis, Illinois talked with Mrs. Bessie Matthews and with her assistance on September 19, 1959 a group of ladies met and organized this club, "The Artisanz."

The Charter members were: Medames Donnie P. Moore, Bessie Matthews, Velma Whittaker, Loraine Finley, Greunetta Coates, Nettie Coker, Stella Gaddis, Amelia Liddell, Ernestine Gillespie, Gertha Woods, Misses Mary L. Reynolds, and Adelaine Calhoun.

The purpose was to use leisure time to create projects for worthwhile use.

The name was suggested by Mrs. Amelia Liddell. The members thought it was appropriate so Artisanz we became.

An appeal came to the club from a handicapped young man, Mr. Willard Parnell, a nephew of Mrs. B. Matthews. He was interested in receiving information or instruction about job opportunities so that he could help himself, as well as others, to become useful citizens.

It was then we made a stride in the direction of helping others. Our purpose became two-fold; (1) Worthy use of leisure time by making articles

(2) Using these articles as a fund-raising campaign to help handicap people or the Agencies that do so. This incident gave direction to our purpose, and we called in Mr. William William, who counseled and guided us. We were grateful for his assistance.

Some note worthy projects have been:

1. Baskets for unfortunate families.
2. Special shoes for polio victims.
3. Personal visitations to confined persons with cash for personal provisions.
4. Dolls and stuffed toys for children Christmas party at the St. Clair Mental Health Association.
5. 100 Bibs for the childrens' Ward at the Doctors' Convalescent Home.
6. Easter Cheer for the:
 - a. The Emily C. Willar Nursery.
 - b. The Fletcher Homes for the Aged.
 - c. The Pleasant View Sanitarium.
 - d. St. Clair County Home for Detention.
7. Mothers' Day Remembrances with corsages or Living Plants.
8. Contributions to Crippled Childrens' Association through Easter Seals.
9. Assisting Handicapped persons to attend Religious Services.
10. Contributions to the St. Clair County Mental Health Association.
11. Monthly trips to the State Hospital Alton, Illinois to an adopted Cottage for men to bring cheer and refreshments for one year.

We have adopted the fourth Sunday in October as our Annual Founders' Day Observances. On that Sunday we worship with one of the Churches in the city and leave a contribution with that Church. We enjoy the fellowship as well as the spiritual inspiration.

Our yearly sale of handmade articles is called a Craft-A-Rama. This has become our one great effort of the year. The proceeds go to make our purpose become a reality.

Our Past Presidents have been: Mrs. Donnie P. Moore, Miss Adelaine Calhoun, Mrs. Amelia Liddell and Miss Evelyn Berry is now serving her second term as President.

Her Official Staff is: Mrs. B. Mathews, Vice President; Mrs. G. Coates, Sec'y; Mrs. Nettie Coker, Treas; Mrs. G. Jennings, Reporter; and Mrs. A. Liddell, Chaplain.

The members have had fun, gained a new insight in human dignity and above all hope we have made people happier. We have learned new skills, New crafts, even a hat making unit and made new friends. Above all we have learned that only by serving others can we serve our Creator.

HISTORY OF THE VARIETTE CULTURAL CLUB

The Variette Cultural Club was organized on March 31, 1962, in East St. Louis, Illinois, by Mrs. Reba Hill, past state President of the Illinois Federation of Club Women. This group of Young Women was organized for the Young Adult Department of the Illinois Association of Club Women of the Southern District.

Members of the newly organized Variette Cultural Club were: Mrs. Reba Hill, sponsor, Mrs. Freda Phillips, Pres.; Mrs. Mamye H. Davis, Vice-President; Mrs. Delores Silvers, Secretary; Miss Ethel Graves, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Geneva Bascom, Reporter, Mrs. Fayetta K. McKinney, Treasurer; Miss Rubye J. Hudson, Asst. Secretary; Messrs. Frances Preston, Ruth Williams, Louise P. Bridges, Charlotte Randolph, and Mrs. Nadine Jones as members.

Mrs. Helen Mason, counselor for the District, also a teacher in the public schools of Centralia, Illinois, was present to help acquaint the group with the rules and regulations of the district.

The objectives of the Club is to work with children or youth to make it possible for them to attend the cultural affairs of East St. Louis and St. Louis and to receive more recreation.

Members, Nadine Jones was named chairlady of Youth Affairs, and Ruth William Williams was named Ways and Means, Chairlady.

Since 1962, the Variette Cultural Club has had six (6) of its chartered members to become inactive, but we have gained nine (9) dedicated new members.

Our Roster is as follows:

Past Presidents

Freda M. Phillips-----1962-1965

Mamye H. Davis-----1965-1966

Freda M. Phillips-----1966-1968

Ruth E. Williams-----1968-1970

Mary B. Matthews-----1970-1972

Ruby J. Hudson-----1972-

Members

1. Davis, Mamye H.
2. Dunn, Dolly
3. Brown, Catherine
4. Beamon, Magnolia
5. Hyatt, Manika
6. Jenkins, Geraldine
7. McKinney, Bettye S.
8. Matthews, Mary B.

9. McIntosh, Margaret R.
10. Phillips, Vera M. Dr.
11. Beard, Claudine
12. Phillips, Freda M.
13. Roberts, Jean M.
14. Williams, Ruth E.
15. Hudson, Ruby J., (Pres.)
16. Rives, Ernestine

CLUB ACTIVITIES:

1. Annual Founders' Day Worship Service on the 4th Sunday in March.
2. Annual Dinner the Third Saturday in June.
3. Annual Husband-Sweetheart Dinner-theater, 2nd week in February.
4. Annual sponsorship of a group of underprivileged Junior High School Students to a "live" Cultural affair, such as Ice Capades, Loretta Hilton Theater or American Theater for a play or show.
5. Donation to a Needy Family, Person, Children group, such as Promise Day Care Center for the Mentally Retarded or Lessie-Bates Davis Neighborhood House.
6. Sponsor two (2) Girls Clubs: The Variettes Gems (Ages 8-12), The Delshenettes. (Ages 13-18).
7. Donate Annually and attend the Reba Hill Scholarship Tea for Southern District.
8. Donate annually two (2) Camperships to the New Salem District Summer Camp for Youths.
9. Pay \$50.00 Annually to NAACP toward a \$500 Life Membership.
10. Attend all District, State and Regional meetings of I.A.C.W.G.

The Variette Cultural Club participates in many other activities, but we feel our history must be limited to those things we feel are pertinent.

Miss Ruby J. Hudson, Pres.

Ms. Mary B. Matthews &
Mrs. Ruth E. Williams, Historians

THE EAST ST. LOUIS JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

The East St. Louis Junior Women's Club was organized by Mrs. Reba Hill on December 3, 1973. The first meeting was held on December 10, 1973 at the home of Mrs. Deborah Cunningham. The following officers were elected:

Verneeda White - President

Christal Edwards - 1st Vice President

Yvonne Marion - 2nd Vice President

Geraldine Walker - Recording Secretary

Ramona Pitts - Financial Secretary

Deborah Cunningham - Treasurer

Estella Nunnally - Chaplain

Tremylla Johnson - Historian

Committee ----- Chairmen: Barbara Davis - Constitution/By-Laws
Charlene Hunt - Legislation
Tassoula Nolden - Ways and Means

The original club's membership totaled eleven (11).

The East St. Louis Junior Women were officially installed in very impressive installation ceremonies along with the East St. Women's Club on Sunday, March 3, 1974 at the Stoplight Restaurant, East St. Louis. Two members of the Junior Women worked closely with members of the East St. Louis Women (Sr.) on planning the installation program; Barbara Davis and Yvonne Marion worked in the capacity.

The East St. Louis Junior Women sponsored a skating party in April, 1974 to raise funds to send a delegate to Chicago. The East St. Louis Junior Women's club president was the delegate - Mrs. Verneeda White. The eleven members of the East St. Louis Junior Women represented a cross-section of women; housewives; school teachers; secretaries; hospital workers; and business women.

The East St. Louis Junior Women sponsored a skating-dance party for the city's youth in December, 1974. The proceeds from this affair (\$100.00) was donated to the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, East St. Louis: The presentation of \$100 was made on Jan. 13, 1975.

The 1975 club year began with the election of officers - held at Mrs. Tassoula Nolden's home. The following officers were elected for 1975:

Geraldine Walker, President

Constance Moore, Vice-President

Tassoula Nolden, Recording Secretary

Geraldine Scott, Financial Secretary

Deborah Cunningham, Treasurer

Charlene Hunt, Chaplain

Verneeda White, Parliamentarian

Liz Bethel, Historian

Committee Chairmen:

Barbara Davis, Constitution/By-Laws

Tramylla Johnson, Ways and Means

Alliowee Jones, Legislation

Ruby Colman, Council of Clubs Delegate

Paula Nash, Arts & Crafts

Sandra Guiden, Community Service

On February 9, 1975 - Mrs. Reba Hill, club organizer, installed officers for the 1975 club year. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Constance Moore. The 1975 membership totals fourteen (14).

The East St. Louis Junior Women have two major projects to which they lend volunteer and financial support. The projects are the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and the American Cancer Society.

The East St. Louis Junior Women's Club places special emphasis on peace, legislation, arts and crafts, family life, Black History Week; the club works closely with the city's youth. The East St. Louis Junior Women sponsored and chaperoned an affair for the city's youth on February 22, 1975, using a "Brotherhood" theme. It was quite a successful affair. The various programs within the club allows young women an opportunity for community service, social action and leadership training.

Currently the East St. Louis Junior Women are raising funds to donate to the American Cancer. The membership is currently involved in volunteer services

to Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House of East St. Louis and to the American Cancer Society.

THE EAST ST. LOUIS WOMEN'S CLUB
Submitted - February 24, 1975

The East St. Louis Women's Club was organized on December 3, 1973, by IACW organizer Mrs. Reba Hill. The first meeting was a cordial and gala one and was held at the home of Mrs. Hill, 2210 Bond Avenue; East St. Louis, Illinois.

Officers elected at this meeting were as follows:

President, Mrs. Katie Wright
Vice-President, Mrs. Adell Hayes
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Vercy Lewis
Financial Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Jones
Treasurer, Mrs. Muriel Griffin
Parliamentarian, Dr. Rosetta Wheadon
Historian, Mrs. Catherine Stewart
Chaplain, Mrs. Della Murphy

Committee Chairmen appointed were as follows:

Constitution and By-Laws, Mrs. Lillian Williams
Community Service, Mrs. Lillian Williams
Junior Women's Coordinator, Mrs. Reba Hill
Ways and Means, Mrs. Greta Scott
Council of Clubs, Mrs. Adell Hayes

The East St. Louis Women's Club had a total roster of twenty-one women during its neophyte year, even though several of these women later "dropped by the wayside." Initial Members of the Club were as follows: Louise Calloway, Muriel Griffin, Adell Hayes, Reba Hill, Dorothy Jones, Alma Kirkpatrick, Lucille Knight, Dortha Lewis, Vercy Lewis, Louise Lyerson, Johnnie Marks, Della Murphy, Lillian Parks, Pernecie Sampson, Greta Scott, Catherine Stewart, Dr. Rosetta Wheadon, Flora Williams, Lillian Williams, Russie Whitfield, and Katie Wright.

On March 3, 1974, The East St. Louis Women's Club, along with the East St. Louis Junior Women's Club held a gala, well attended Installation/Dedication Luncheon at the East St. Louis Stop Light Restaurant. It was a beautiful event. Even the weather cooperated! Mrs. Lillian Parks was chairman of the event, assisted by Mrs. Louise Lyerson and Mrs. Lucille Knight of our club and Mesdames Barbara Davis and Yvonne Marion of the Junior Club.

At the March 3rd luncheon ceremonies, it was brought out that the East St. Louis Women's Club was organized in order to aid the St. Clair County Cancer Society, and the Lessie Bates Neighborhood House, two extremely worthwhile endeavors. The club also dedicated itself to working with our parent bodies, NACW, IACW, Southern District, our region and our local Council of Clubs.

On October 13, 1974, the club held its first Charity-Rama Tea at the East St. Louis YWCA, 10th and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Creta Scott was general chairman of the event which included a Grand Raffle to raise funds for our two charities. Each charity was presented with two-hundred dollars (\$200.00).

The club has had splendid help from national, state and district officers. The IACW president, Mrs. Delores White of Chicago visited our October 10, 1974 meeting and gave us a message of encouragement. Our club sent its president as a Delegate to the IACW conference in Chicago in June of 1974, where both the president and the club were well accepted. In December, 1974 our club initiated Life Membership Programs in both the NAACP and the Urban League. The club is also affiliated with the Greater East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce.

The East St. Louis Women's Club roster represents a cross-section of the community. For example the wife of the Mayor of East St. Louis, Mrs. James (Lillian) Williams is a member of our club. The club also boasts of a Ph. D, Dr. Rosetta Wheadon. Two of the club members, Dr. Wheadon and President Wright are listed in the Ninth Edition of "Who's Who of American Women." The roster contains housewives, career women, younger women and a few women who have retired from career positions.

The East St. Louis Women's Club, though only a little over a year old has continued to make a tremendously positive impact on the community.

WOMEN OF ESSENCE CIVIC CLUB

Motto - Lifting As We Climb

The Women of Essence was organized in September, 1972 by Mrs. Reba Hill. The first president was Mrs. Johnnie Mae Penelton. The members were: Mary

Rhodes, Helen Humphrey Pearlie Humphrey, Johnnie Pennelton, Johnnie Marie Hodges, Portia Smith, Mary Crawford, Joyce Easterly Lurender Williams, Earnestine Fowler, Sylvia Jackson Carla Ramson, Lennell Walls, Betty Barber, Ange La Fentress, and Judy Stokes.

The Women of Essence chose for their pet project the "aged". Their plans included emergency aid also.

In February, 1973, the Women of Essence received recognition from the Department of Children and Family Services, Regional office Springfield, Illinois, for their assistance at the News Conference opening Black Adoption Week in East St. Louis, Illinois. The Governor had proclaimed February 4-10 as BLACK ADOPTION WEEK in Illinois. The club donated thirty dollars for Black Adoption and fifty dollars to Metro East Foster Parents.

The Women of Essence served as hostesses for the Southern District Fourth annual Scholarship Tea, February, 1973.

The Women of Essence presented their first Spring Fashion Show entitled, EXPRESSIONS OF SPRING, April 8, 1973. Proceeds from the affair were used for scholarships. The following young ladies were presented with \$200.00 scholarships, Deborah Bell and Barbara Humphrey.

In 1974, the club members gave clothing and household articles to a family whose home was destroyed by fire, presented gifts to the patients at Alton State Mental Hospital and children at Promise Day Care Center, solicited for the Cancer Fund drive and presented two more young ladies scholarships, Stephene Dawson and Sheryee Williams.

The East St. Louis and Vicinity Council of Club Women presented their Breakfast, Sat. Oct. 19, 1974 at the Holiday Inn in East St. Louis, and The Women of Essence served as Host Club. For a theme they chose SAVE THE CHILDREN. Three minutes addresses were given by Commissioner Elmo Bush, Mr. Anthony Jenkins, and Mrs. Wyvetter Youge.

The Women of Essence are the sponsors of two girls groups, the Daughters of Essence, and The Junior Girls of Essence. In many instances they work jointly

in trying to alleviate human suffering through deeds.

Today the Women of Essence Consist of 25 young women and Mrs. Mary Rhodes is president and also sponsor of the Daughters of Essence. The two groups are in the process of preparing Easter gifts for the patients at Alton State Mental Hospital and Promise Day Care Center. They are also making preparation for a spring Fashion Show, involving all males, proceeds to be used for 1975 scholarships.

"IN THE BEGINNING"

THIS IS A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SIG-TRI-HI FEDERATED YOUNG WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF IACW, INC., & NACWC, INC., OF ALTON, ILLINOIS:

In the beginning of the year 1958-ambitious young adult ladies were inspired to start a local young adult club of the Illinois Association of Club Women & Girls. These young women were results from the old "Alton Jewels" Girls Club of IACG which was organized and directed by the oldest Federated Women's Club of Alton-The Federated Unity Club of IACW & NACWC, Inc., These young women, who once were Alton Jewels and others organized May 14, 1958; in the home of an inspiring helper and Advisor Mrs. Lottie Killion-a member of the Federated Unity Club. Mrs. Ethel Lewis another Federated Unity member also helped the club get started.

Because of her past experience in the IACG & IACW-Mrs. Charlotte Jones Brown was elected as the first President of the new group. A committee, headed by Miss Irma Jones, presented ideas concerning a suitable name for the club. Members accepted Sig-Tri-Hi Organization as the Club Name. The name Sig-Tri-Hi was created from the last line of the local club's Preamble, which is also the local club "Motto"-Sig-created from word Seeking Tri-created from word Strive Hi-created from word Higher. Sig-Tri-Hi has been incorporated since May 1963.

Charter Members are Mrs. Charlotte Jones Brown, Mrs. Jean Jones Ballinger, Mrs. Jannie Jones Gray and Miss Irma Jones.

Honorary Charter members are: Mrs. Henrietta Hearn, Mrs. Virgie Kelly, Mrs. Beulah Malone and Mrs. Salle Wilkinson.

Sig-Tri-Hi has been and will continue to help build the community and surrounding areas of civic federated work. The Sig-Tri-Hi Charter was issued by the State Of Illinois-dated May 16, 1963 in accordance with the "General Not For Profit Corporation Act". Past Presidents are: Mrs. Charlotte Brown and Mrs. Henrietta Hearn. Present President is Miss Irma Jones.

Early in 1961-Sig-Tri-Hi, led by Mrs. Charlotte Brown was inspired to re-organize and sponsor an Alton Girls Club. Members organized and started a new Girls Club of IACG and Mrs. Brown was elected as the appointed Supervisor of the local girls department. Girls decided that this new group be known as the Clovets Civic Girls Club-(High School age group). The name Clovets was created from IACG'S "Motto" The Four Leaf Clover. Early in 1964 Sig-Tri-Hi organized a Junior Clovett Club of the Girls Dept.(junior high & grade school age group). The Organization now sponsors two girls clubs of IACG. The girls dept. has been trained and directed to do such projects as Canvass for the Heart Fund and Volunteer Work for the Alton State Hospital.

Since organizing in 1958, Sig-Tri-Hi has also worked in several areas of civic and federated work. They have broken down many barriers including the local newspaper. Their two largest annual events have been the Annual Fashion-Tea where professional Models entertain; and the Annual Coronation of Petere-where a Queen of Knowledge is crowned and Debutantes make their Debuts. In training of girls, Sig-Tri-Hi also gives boys a helping hand by training them to qualify for Debutante Escorts or Ushers for various events. Sig-Tri-Hi's Local Theme is "Now Is The Time" and they try to exercise this in community efforts. The newest project being "The Awards Benefit Banquet" to be held May 21, 1966- A celebrity guest speaker Mrs. Daisy Bates will be guest Speaker. The local preamble and other interesting facts of this organization may be found in our constitution- by-laws. Hoping that we have contributed in some way to the History of IACW Clubs.

Humbly Submitted
Sig-Tri-Hi Federated Organization
Miss Irma Jones, President

G I R L ' S A N D Y O U N G A D U L T S

The Young Adults of Northern District

Reverend Lucretia L. Smith, Chairperson.

From June, 1974, up to now, when I became CHAIRPERSON in June, 1974 of the Young Adults. My first thoughts were to see what could be done to start the young adults on their way. I, being sponsor of the local girls club, the L.L. Crusaders. I had girls in the club that should be with the young adults. I started to prepare to bring them to the National body, that they might see, and know what the NACW, Inc. had to offer a young mind. I was able to bring three (3) the girls club, and three (3) for the Young Adults, in which two young adults received their certificates in the young adults. This gave me a lift, even though I could not take a part at the National. I had the joy of training, and bringing and sharing, which it did not make any difference at the National, I had done a job.

Now we are home, and it is the 3rd Saturday in each month, we meet from 12:00 noon, till 2 P.M.. Some young adults are in college, away from home. I have one adult waiting to become a member of the Job Corps. She will be stationed in Cleveland, Ohio. She had stopped school in high school; with a few meetings, and me teaching her right by my side, some household things, she saw the need of education. Some are married ladies with small children, and yet they are very young. This is why we meet at 12:00 noon, to 2: p.m.; it gives the girls a chance to get their food in there homes, their household chores done, come to the meeting, and still be back home for their dinner hour. We open at noon with the club prayer, all clubs of young adults take a part. We say the pledge of the United States flag, after which we sing, Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord. We have a study period of black history, after which we talk on events of todays life, which takes up many subjects. Of course our

young adults, some in college, some have made mistakes, and have to find their way back to being young and useful. That they may be what they ought to be. With a special interest in young adults as a (leader), I find some of them very dedicated to what they believe. My best work is working with Cotillions, getting a girl ready to take a bow. Their six weeks of hard training, and six weeks of training to meet the grown world is a real challenge.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE STATE YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENT OF THE
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF CLUB WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC.

The YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENT has always been included in the work of the ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF CLUB WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC.. This Department serves as the place for IACW Club girls to transfer when they out grow the girls association. The age group is 18 to 35, which includes a new division called the Junior Women.

During our club girls years, my mother, the late Mrs. Willie Ann Jones, a Past President of the Alton Federated Unity Club insisted that we as girls be involved along with her in the Illinois Association of Club Women/Girls. We became members of the Alton Jewels Girl's Club sponsored by the Federated Unity Club. Charlotte Jones Brown became the State President of the Illinois Association of Girls Club.

Later becoming young adults, Charlotte and I wanted to continue in the club work that mother introduced us to. We pleaded not to be dropped when we out grew the girls. During this time there was a great need for the State Young Adult Department to re-activate. As new Young Adults we begged for a young adult club. We like others would go to the State Meetings and continue with the girls department, which was defeating.

Finally we were heard, and as products of the Alton Jewels, with the leadership of Mrs. Lottie Killion and Mrs. Ethel Lewis of Alton, we organized the first Young Adult Club in 1958..., thereby becoming the first Young Adult club

in the State and in Southern District; as the new birth of the State Young Adults began.

As a Young Adult Club, we organized two NAGC girls clubs called the Clovette Civic Girls Club and Junior Clovettes in 1961..(2 of the oldest girls clubs in the state).. Charlotte Jones Brown became first President of the Young Adult Club. Also being a part of the State we were the first Young Adult club organized in the Southern District and the first organized in the state during the rebirth.

As the State Young Adult Department began it's new birth, Mrs. Lottie Killion under the administration of President Mrs. Alice Foy or Mrs. Ethel Lewis, was appointed State Supervisor of Young Adults; recommended because of her work in Alton with young adults. Her club, the Federated Unity Club and Mrs. Ethel Lewis supported her in this endeavor. Young Adults working close with her was the Jones Sisters-namely Irma Jones and Charlotte Jones Brown, Charter Members of the first Young Adult Club in Illinois.

As the first Young Adult Club in the State, after the rebirth, State Supervisor Killion organized a Program Committee made up of the young adult club of Alton, who helped her to plan and present the first State Young Adult Pamphlet of rules and regulations. It was issued June 22, 1961 and signed by Mrs. Lottie Killion and the Alton Young Adults. Through Mrs. Killion the State Young Adult Department began to grow; using the Southern District Young Adults as the strength of this new growth.

The upbuilding continued as the State realized that young women are important to the life of the association; therefore upon recommendation of Mrs. Killion and others, Irma Jones, a Young Adult became the newly appointed State Supervisor of Young Adults.

As time moved on, new young adult clubs were being organized, especially in

the Southern District under the leadership of Mrs. Reba Hill and Irma Jones; all this supported the new birth of the State Young Adult Department. Recalling one occasion, Mrs. Hill was instrumental in organizing the first young adult club in East St. Louis; which was followed up with an invited visit from Irma Jones on club organization. Miss Jones was instrumental in recruiting many of the active young women who are now involved in club work. In reference to State organization, Miss Jones served an extended term. Young Adults, regardless to the number began arriving on Saturday as usual to meet, but not with the girls as in the past..out of this has grown young adult independence in programming their own business and entertainment; and at the same time it has helped to strengthen the senior department.

Under the administration of President Ruby Edwards, Miss Jones State Supervisor produced the first Young Adult Breakfast which was a success for young adults and women, held early Sunday morning of the convention. Under the administration of President Reba Hill, Miss Jones began the Annual Sunday Evening Young Adult Program and Fashion Show. Young Women participated and the first Certificate of Recognition to IACW Club Women began during this presentation. The recognitions were sponsored by the Young Adult Department.

This was the beginning of the new birth of the State Young Adult Department of IACW. With the help of IACW, this growth spilled over into the Regional and National Association. Irma Jones was later elected Regional Young Adult Coordinator/Director; and later elected the first National 3rd Vice President and Young Adult Coordinator of the National Association; where Miss Jones submitted the original State Young Adult Pamphlet as the guide for the National Young Adults, until the old young adults rules could be re-written. Charlotte Jones Brown, served an extended term as Supervisor of Girls; served as Regional Girls Supervisor; later serving as National Assistant Girls Supervisor. Mrs. Brown is presently serving as the Regional Young Adult Coordinator/Director.

In reference to the Junior Women's Division of the Young Adult Department; as you know this is the older young adults ranging between the ages of 25-35. Later these same young adults-namely Irma Jones and Charlotte Brown spearheaded along with other Alton Charter members of the Alton Young Adult Club, Virgie Kelly, Jannie Gray, Jean Ballinger, Diane Holmes, Doris Jones, Wansa McClora and Mabel Alexander..all transferred as older young adults from the Alton Young Adult Club, into the Junior Women's Division; organizing the first Junior Women's Club in the State of the Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls, Inc..known as the Tri Del Federated Junior Women's Club of Alton..(see Tri Del History)..

Thus ends our highlights and brief history of the State Young Adult Dept. of IACW, Inc..

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TRI DEL FEDERATED JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB OF IACW-NACWC, INC.

"IN THE BEGINNING"

In the beginning of the year 1958, ambitious young adult women were inspired to organize a local young adult club within the Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls. These young women were products of the only Girls Club in Alton, known as the "Alton Jewels" Girls Club of IACG; organized and sponsored by the oldest club of Alton, the Federated Unity Club of IACW/NACWC.

Tri Del Federated Junior Women's Club is a product of the Alton Jewels, who under the leadership of Mrs. Lottie Killion and Mrs. Ethel Lewis of the Federated Unity Club of Alton, organized the first Young Adult Club in the home of Mrs. Killion on May 14, 1958. Original charter members are: Mrs. Charlotte Brown, who was elected the first president; Mrs. Jean Ballinger; Mrs. Jannie Gray and Miss Irma Jones. Mrs. Alice Foy, then State President of IACW installed the new Young Adult Club of Alton.

In 1961 The Alton Young Adult Club organized and continue to sponsor two NAGC Girls Clubs, the Clovette Civic Girls Club and the Clovette Junior Girls Club.

They are the Founders of the First Debutante Cotillion ever presented in Alton and the Southern District of the Illinois Association of Club Women and Girls.

Later as older young adults, they transferred their club to the new Junior Women's Division of the Young Adult Department; organizing in the form of a new club on July 16, 1966 in the home of Mrs. Charlotte Brown..thereby becoming the first organized Junior Women's Club in the State.

Miss Irma Jones was installed as the first President of the Junior Women's Club, in ceremonies conducted by State President Mrs. Reba Hill of E. St. Louis and the late Mrs. Willie Ann Jones, President of the Federated Unity Club of Alton. During the same ceremony, both girls club officers were also installed.

The Tri Del Federated Clubwomen are devoted to civic work, lifting community standards thru charitable donations, Services, Scholarships.

Mrs. Virgie Kelly has served as President and presently Mrs. Carolyn Scott is President. Charter members are: Irma Jones, Charlotte Brown, Virgie Kelly, Jannie Gray, Doris Jones, Diane Holmes, Jean Ballinger, Mable Alexander and Wansa Lee.

The Present membership consist of:

Carolyn Scott	Charlotte Brown	Jannie Gray
Christine Williams	Letha Fields	Doris Jones
Virgie Kelly	Vera Campbell	Irma Jones
Joyce Jones	Gwendolyn Jones	Mary Medley
Diane Melvin	Waleen Jones	

Associate Members: Joyce Jefferson and Diana Wilson

Club Motto: National - Lifting As We Climb

State - Loyalty to Women and Justice to Children

Local - Strive, Deliberate and Deliver

BRIEF HISTORY OF IACW - GIRLS DEPARTMENT 1962 thru 1966 Mrs. Benjamin (Charlotte Jones) Brown, State Supervisor

I became a part of the I.A.C.W. & Girls when I joined the Alton Jewel's Girls Club sponsored by the Federated Unity Club, of which my mother, Mrs. Willie Ann Jones was a member. My mother being interested in club work was my inspiration to be a part of this great organization.

In 1953 as the Southern District Girls President I was surprised while attending the State Convention in Chicago, I found very few girls or a program for I.A.C.G.'s. I was the only girl from the Southern and Central District and only a few girls from Chicago.

After returning home I was determined to do something to lift the girls department of Illinois. At the age of 18, I along with others from the local girls club, organized the first young adult club in Illinois with the help of Mrs. Killion, appointed State Supervisor of the Y-Adult Department. Still concerned with the girls department we as the young adults of Alton organized a girls club.

In 1960 with Mrs. Ethel Lewis, president, the State Convention was held in Alton, Ill. As sponsor of the girls club we hosted the girls department, with Mrs. Sadie Smith, State Supervisor of Girls.

Because of the fine program presented during the State Convention in Alton, it was recommended during the next election year (1962) by Mrs. Smith, that I would be elected State Supervisor of Girls. She also requested that the State give me a donation on expenses to the National Convention, which met in Washington, D.D.; since I was interested in knowing and planning a better program for the girls patterned after the National Girls Program.

After returning from the National I presented to Illinois the full program patterned after the National, which was as follow: Oratorical contest, talent, fashion review (clothes made by girls themselves), girls educational pre-conference and also the girls Banquet.

During my first year as supervisor, I was successful with presenting the program with the help of State President, Mrs. Minnie Lee. We had the Oratorical and it was explained, that in an Oratorical one does not use notes; a very hard thing for all to get used to. In the past, girls made their speeches from a paper or notes.

Miss Patricia Smith was the winner awarded a trophy during our state convention which met at St. Paul's AME Church, Springfield, Illinois. We also had the first Fashion Show by the girls in which each entry designed and made their garments. Miss Josephine Patterson was the Girls State President. There were twelve clubs to attend this convention, which was good for my first year, and also for the State Assoc. with girls from each district.

It wasn't until my second year that we were able to complete the National program within our state, with our First Banquet which was held at the Jackson Tea Room in Chicago, Ill. during the State Convention, with the help of Mrs. Sadie Smith, past and host supervisor. After our business meetings, instead of the Pre-Career Conference we would have something educational - a speaker etc. We would discuss the theme of the year, for example, in 1966 the Theme was "What Makes Your Life Count". The five theme subjects were; What makes your life count in your family, In your IACG Club, In your Church, In your community and In your Job".

I was also able to make use of many of the trophies that past president's had given to the state girls, but wasn't being used. The Fannie Baxter O'Banion Culture Achievement Award, which was given to any club girl who entered her outstanding club achievement, The Ada L. Walton Trophy, given for Arts and Crafts. These trophies was traveling trophies. The Fashion Review was a new trophy which was given by yours truly Charlotte M. Brown since I was the first supervisor to introduce Fashion as part of the girl's program. We added the Certificate of Merit, to be presented to girls who did not win trophies.

It was voted during the 1964 convention to elect a supervisor for a four-year term instead of two years, if she had the ability and willingness to serve.

It was felt that a supervisor becomes acquainted with the work during the first two years and could render better service later with her experience.

I was re-elected as supervisor 1964-66 under the administration of Mrs. Ruby Edwards, State President. Mrs. Edwards was a big help in her two years as president to this department. We had our 2nd Banquet on the campus of Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill. and many more girls attended from each of the three districts. We had our third Banquet in Chicago during the State meeting at the Southmoor Hotel, Mrs. Edwards, President. A new Traveling Trophy was added - The Ruby A. Edwards Trophy which was given for first place winner of the Oratorical. We were able with monies raised and help from the Senior body, to send the Girls to the National Convention in Denver and also the Girls State President, Miss Frankie Sanders of Chicago and one girl from each district, Miss Vanessa Hudson, C.D. and Miss Waleen Jones, S.D., was elected delegates along with yours truly as supervisor, to the National Convention which was held in Oklahoma City.

We were also able to send a delegate to our Central Regional Convention, of which I was later elected Central Region Supervisor of Girls. I was also proud to serve as National Assistant Supervisor of girls 1970-74.

I finished as supervisor of the State, elated over how the girls' department had grown, I consider my work for this department a challenge and an opportunity for service as I try to Lift as we Climb.

Mrs. Edna Wallace, C.D. (Monmouth, IL) was elected as the new supervisor at the end of my term.

In 1967 Mrs. Edna Wallace newly elected supervisor was not able to complete her term as supervisor, because of the death of her husband. I was asked by State Pres. Mrs. Reba Hill, to act as supervisor again during the convention meeting which was held in East St. Louis, Illinois. We were able to present our program under the state girls president Miss Waleen Jones, S.D. - Alton, Illinois.

*One Historical factor in the State Girl's History, is that 3 sisters have served as the IACG State Girl's President. Your truly Charlotte Jones Brown, served as Vice President. The other Jones sisters who have been state president of the girl's department are: Waleen Jones, Gwendolyn Jones and W. Delores Jones, all daughter of the late Mrs. Damon (Willie Ann) Jones who served in many positions in the District and State.

Mrs. Mary Rhodes followed Mrs. Daisy Fair as state supervisor of girls. She served during the years of 1971, 1972, 1973, and 1974.

The 1971 convention was held in Alton, Illinois. Mrs. Rhodes chose a "shoe rally" for the state project. The project netted \$69.75. Mrs. Daisy Brooks was I.A.C.W. president.

In 1972, the state convention was held in Chicago, Illinois with three new clubs from Chicago becoming a part of I.A.C.G. The state project was a "Raffle, and it netted \$110.50. Mrs. Daisy Brooks was I.A.C.W. president.

In 1973 the state convention was held in Springfield Illinois Mrs. Daisy Fair was I.A.C.W. president. Miss W. Delores Jones was I.A.C.G. president. The state project for the year was a Miss I.A.C.W. Cotillion. This project netted \$302.00.

Tennie Cole of Springfield was the 1974 I.A.C.G. president. The 1974, convention was held in Chicago, Illinois with Mrs. Daisy Fair serving as president of the I.A.C.W. The state project was a duplicate of 1973 and total amount raised for the state project was \$440.87. The girls department turned in \$617.37 to the treasure, which was one of the largest amounts turned in by the girls division.

The girls theme for the year was "Working Together As One." An Illinois girl, Angela Lewis, represented in Atlanta, Georgia and won first place.

In the Miss N.A.C.G. sponsored by the National Association Colored Girls, an Illinois girl placed second.

An Illinois Girl Carlotta Sampson was elected 1st vice president of the N.A.C.G.

The Daughters of Essence were originally called the La Servio Juniores. They were organized in 1965 with Bernice Collins as president, and Mrs. Mary Rhodes as sponsor.

The Daughters of Essence was reorganized in 1970 by Mrs. Mary Rhodes. The group became affiliated with the Southern Illinois District Association of Club Girls, I.A.C.G., N.A.C.G. and Central Region Association of the N.A.C.G.

The purpose of this non profit civic organization is to alleviate human sufferings, through deeds. Some deeds performed were:

Scholarships to June Graduates
Black History Program for Nursing Home
Martin Luther King baskets for needy families in January
Clothing to several burned out families
Money to special fund to send handicapped student to Olympic
Contribution to the Marion E. Officer Scholarship fund
Several parties for the Handicapped Children of Park School
Several picnics for the Handicapped Children of Park School
Stuffes animals for Children of Promise Day Care Center
Gifts to patients at Alton State Hospital
Three Debutante Balls
They made gowns for the children in the pediatric ward of Centreville Hospital
Donated Coloring books, crayons and toys to St. Mary Hospital,
Christian Welfare and Centreville pediatric wards
Each year they contribute to the following Charties.

March of Dimes

NAACP

Cancer

United Way

The Daughters of Essence Meet the First and third Saturday in each month at the home of their sponsor Mrs. Rhodes. Dues is \$1.00 per month. The girls ages range from 12 to 18.

Each year these young ladies attend three convention and they sponsor their own trips. The most memorable trip to the ladies is when they sponsored a Greyhound bus to San Jose, California. They also sponsored a bus to Atlantic City New Jersey.

They have won trophies in all catogories at various conventions, however the most memorable one was won by Miss Angela Lewis, when she placed first at the Oratorical contest at the National convention in Atlanta Georgia in 1974.

The present president of the Daughters of Essence is Miss Carlotta Sampson.

**She is also president of the Southern District Association of Club Girls and
First Vice President of the National Association of Colored Girls.**

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